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MAESTEG MAN GREW CANNABIS

COURT REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

A JOBLESS man who grew cannabis plants has been jailed for four months, the sentence suspended for two years at Cardiff Crown Court.

Gavin Lewis (37) of Tudor Estate, Maesteg, was ordered to pay court costs of £180.

He admitted producing cannabis.

Prosecutor Tom Roberts said that on June 2, police discovered that Lewis had a "small cannabis factory", and they found that 10 plants were growing and there were hydroponic facilities and a lighting set up.

He told the officers he was growing the cannabis for personal use only.

Mr Roberts said that when the plants matured, they could have realised a street value of up to £7,500.

The court heard that in 2010, Lewis was convicted of producing cannabis.

His counsel Hugh Wallace said: "He denied any suggestion that he was going to sell the drugs. For some time, he has been suffering ill health, mainly with his feet."

Mr Wallace said the court could "hit him in the pocket" and Lewis, he added, should give something back to the community.

"My difficulty is his previous conviction," said Mr Wallace.

Judge David Wyn Morgan said Lewis obviously suffered recurrent pain, but it did not entitle him to break the law.

"Sending you to prison would do absolutely nothing. You have to stop taking drugs like cannabis".

The Judge also said that the consumption of cannabis is a criminal offence.

AROUND £10,000 IN CASH IS SEIZED

POLICE have seized around £10,000 in cash under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

At just after midday on Saturday, October 24, a car was stopped and searched by police officers as it travelled through Pencoed.

A search of the vehicle led to the seizure of a small amount of what is believed to be a controlled drug.

Subsequent enquiries led to the search of a property in Porthcawl under the Misuse of Drugs Act and thousands of pounds worth of cash was seized by officers.

A 33-year-old woman has been arrested and released on police bail. A Proceeds of Crime investigation is now under way.

CENTRE STAFF ARE 'FELINE' FINE!

The Bridgend Cats Protection Centre held a 'Black Cat Bonanza' last Saturday and over 150 people came along to support the event. They raised over £1,475 and nine cats and kittens were reserved on the day, including Martini and Mojito, 10-week-old kittens who had been overlooked previously!

SEE MORE PICTURES ON PAGE 8

Man (24) is charged after Porthcawl crash

A MAN has been charged in relation to an incident outside a Porthcawl nightclub which left 13 people injured.

An Audi A4 hit people standing in a smoking area outside Streets nightclub in John Street on Sunday (October 25) at 1am.

Ryan Ford (24) is charged with causing serious injury by dangerous driving, drink driving, driving without insurance, failing to provide a specimen for analysis, and theft.

He was remanded in custody at Bridgend Magistrates Court and is due to appear before Cardiff Crown Court on November 9.

Of the 13 injured, nine were taken to the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, and four to Morriston Hospital.

The Abertawe Bro Morgannwg health board said three of the Bridgend injured had been treated and discharged.

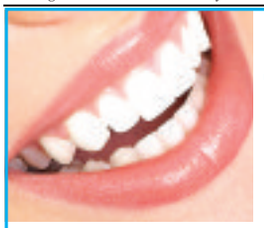
The remaining six people have sustained serious injuries but are in a stable condition.

Those taken to Morriston Hospital in Swansea include two 18-year-old men, a 21-year-old woman, and another woman who is 38.

Two are in a serious but stable condition, while the other two were admitted as a precaution.

A police spokesman said it had been dealt with as a "major incident". A spokesman for the Welsh Ambulance Service said that the injuries were all to lower limbs with no-one reported in a life-threatening condition.

A spokesman for the health board said additional staff were called in to hospitals to deal with the incident as it unfolded.



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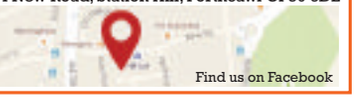

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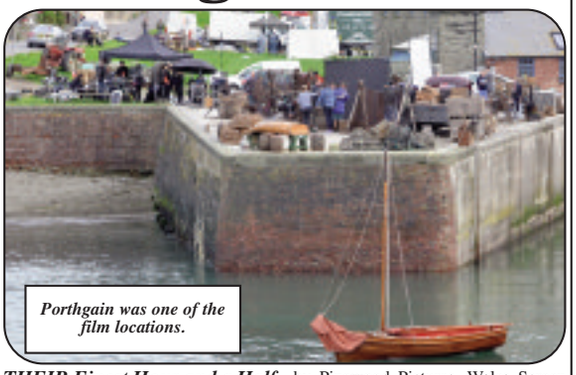
New film means more work for businesses in Bridgend area



Porthgain was one of the film locations.

***THEIR Finest Hour and a Half* – the latest film to be backed by the Welsh Government's £30m Media Investment Budget – has just concluded filming in Wales creating a range of significant economic benefits.**

Fifty per cent of the filming was shot on location in Swansea and south west Wales over the past seven weeks and included Swansea's Grand Theatre and the Guildhall – which double up as the Ministry of Information and Whitehall.

The film is a "romantic comedy with a difference," set in the early 1940s with a star-studded cast that includes Gemma Arterton, Bill Nighy, Sam Claflin, Helen McCrory, Richard E Grant, Jack Huston, Jake Lacy, Eddie Marsan, Rachael Stirling and Henry Goodman.

BBC Films developed and is co-financing the film alongside the Media Investment Budget, which is advised by Pinewood Pictures. Wales Screen helped the production team find locations and hosted numerous recces before filming began.

A range of businesses around Wales have benefited, including Bridgend-based Christopher Lee Catering, which specialise in location catering; Real SFX of Cardiff, experts at special effects and Andy Dixon Facilities of Bridgend, who work throughout Europe providing a comprehensive range of vehicles for TV and Film.

Economy Minister Edwina Hart said: "Attracting productions of this calibre to Wales provides a great boost for our dynamic creative industries sector providing opportunities to work on high end drama productions.

"It also creates real benefits for the service sector, particularly the hospitality industry and tourism. Films shot on location in Wales leave a lasting legacy as they are seen around the world and provide a superb advertisement for our tourism industry."

LIGHT PARADE PLANNED FOR TOWN CENTRE

CHILDREN from across the borough with circus group Organised Kaos will lead Carnegie House's first Light Parade on Saturday, November 7, 4pm – 6pm.

The Light Parade is the culmination of a week-long 'Festival of Light' celebrating the drawing in of the evenings, Guy Fawkes Night and India's biggest festival, Diwali. Schoolchildren have been working hard to create lanterns for the parade with artist Alison McGann, using sustainable resources that have come directly from Bridgend's own bottle banks.

Circus group Organised Kaos will lead the Light Parade, which leaves the Carnegie house arts centre at 4:30pm and will wind around the town via Adare Street, Caroline Street and Wyndham Street.

Children, parents, carers and others just wanting to join in the fun are welcome to pick up a lantern from Carnegie House at 4pm.

Headed by stilt walkers, the fire performers and lantern holders will navigate the streets, joined by local drum band *Weapons of Mass Percussion*. The parade will culminate in an explosive 30-minute performance from Organised Kaos on the steps of Carnegie House.

Don't try this at home...

"It's going to be a wonderful evening, celebrating the children's hard work, the changing of the seasons, and of course live performance art and music too," said Rachel Ashong-Quinn, co-director of Bridgend Arts, which has been working with Carnegie House on the project.

There'll be food fun for children and adults alike from Ella Riley's, who will have a special chocolate apple stall, with Bauhaus Café providing succulent savouries in the form of hot, fresh jerk chicken. Magic and Mayhem will also be on hand to provide street-side entertainment with a sprinkle of autumn magic.

Who wants to build what and where?

Wales and West Housing Association – **Land fronting Restway Gardens, Bridgend** – Cut back Lime tree to give 2m clearance from power lines.

Llanscapes UK – **24 Hollyhock Drive, Brackla** – Polland the Acer Pseudoplantus in rear garden.

Mrs Mary Phillips – **4 Laleston Court, Laleston** – 30 per cent crown reduction to one evergreen Oak tree.

Miss Helen Rees – **6 Marian Street, Blaengarw** – First floor bedroom extension to rear.

Homestyle Care Limited – **Land rear of 5 Cwrt Newydd, Broadlands** – Erection of building to house 14 supported living units.

Drive Medical Ltd – **28 North Road, Bridgend Industrial Estate** – Clad over five windows.

Pendragon Construction Limited – **Land rear of Penprysg Road, Pencoed** – Four one-bedroom flats.

Canadian Solar – **Seaview Farm, Pyle Road, Porthcawl** – Non-material amendment to P/12/148/FUL including amendment to layout of modules, SMA substation and customer substation.

Mr G Jordan – **37 Rockfields, Nottage** – Single storey extension and boundary wall.

Ms Felicity Blower – **34 Commercial Street, Nantymoel** – Fixing of external insulation cladding with render finish to rear elevation.

Mr Paul Perez – **Oaktree Barn off Hendre Road, Pencoed** – Extension and remodelling of an existing agricultural building into a residential property.

BCBC Communities Directorate – **Pandy Park Pavilion, Terfryn Ynysawdre, Ynysawdre** – Discharge of condition 3 of P/14/713/BCB; non material amendment to P/14/ 713/BCB, remove perimeter fence, car park ext reduce size of building.

Mrs Sandra Bateman – **48 Ogmore Drive, Porthcawl** – Ramped access arrangements to front entrance door.

Neuro Physio Wales Ltd – **60 Commercial Street, Kenfig Hill** – Change of use from hair and beauty salon to physiotherapy practice.

Mr Roy Evans – **4 Ogwy Street, Nantymoel** – Proposed conversion and change of use of ground floor to self-contained flat.

Mr Nick Layland – **3 Ashleigh Court, New Road, Porthcawl** – Non material amendment to P/15/175/FUL; replace garage door with windows.

Mr Richard Hughes – **Glasfryn, Heol Canola, Sarn** – Conservatory addition to rear elevation.

Mr Alan Halls – **46 Priory Oak, Brackla** – Erect a single storey rear extension.

Mrs Sally Wembridge – **Car park of former Tylers Arms, Tyler House, Llangynwyd, Maesteg** – Resubmission of refusal P/15/474/FUL for the retention of three containers for a temporary period of 18 months.

Mr Phil Kenwright – **Site of 270/270A New Road, Porthcawl** – New shopfront, ATM, external plant, two satellite dishes and two bollards at ground floor retail unit.

Pencoed to stage 'discussion' on EU membership

MPs Huw Irranca-Davies and Alan Johnson.

ON Friday, November 6 Alan Johnson MP will be holding a public discussion on the case for EU membership in Pencoed.

Mr Johnson's rise from postman to joint union general secretary before entering Parliament as MP for Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle in 1997 is well known.

Since he entered Parliament he has been a minister across several departments and Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, Trade and Industry, Education and Skills, Health, Home and latterly Shadow Chancellor.

He recently told The Guardian: "I see this as the most important political decision of my lifetime. It's more important than the referendum decision in 1975 which almost felt like a decision to go in."

Huw Irranca-Davies said: "I very much look forward to Alan joining us next month for what should be a lively discussion on the case for our membership of the European Union.

"With Alan's position leading the Labour campaign, he has a unique insight into the forthcoming referendum campaign."

The event, organised by Ogmore Constituency Labour Party, will take place on Friday, November 6 from 4.30pm – 6pm at the Miners' Welfare Hall, Pencoed, CF35 5PE.

For more details, contact Thomas Anderton on 02072 194027 or at thomas.anderton@parliament.uk

WORKSHOPS WILL EXPLAIN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

CAREERS workshops highlighting the varied roles of occupational therapists will take place in Swansea and Bridgend next month.

They will explain the training involved and the different fields that occupational therapists work in – which can include mental health, learning disabilities, neurology and oncology.

As well as hospitals and GP practices, occupational therapists can be found in schools, prisons and even job centres.

The first careers workshop will be held in Singleton Hospital's boardroom on Monday, November 2 from 1.30pm-4.15pm.

The second takes place the following day, November 3, in Princess of Wales Hospital's Multi-Professional Education Centre (MPEC) from 9am-12.30pm.

They coincide with Occupational Therapy Week, which promotes the profession nationally, and are open to all with no age limit.

To reserve a space, email jane.martin@wales.nhs.uk but please note there are very limited spaces left on the Swansea workshop.

PACT meetings in Bridgend

SARN/BRYNCOCH PACT on Monday, November 2 at Sarn Life Centre at 7pm.

BLACKMILL PACT on Tuesday, November 3 at the TRA House, Lewistown at 6pm.

YNYSAWDRE cuppa with a copper on Thursday, November 5 at Ynysawdre Community Hall 2pm-3pm.

SARN cuppa with a copper on Monday, November 9 at Sarn Life Centre 2pm-3pm.

MAESTEG cuppa with a copper on Monday, November 9 at Tesco Maesteg 2pm-3pm.

ABERKENFIG/PENYFAI PACT on Monday, November 9 at Smyrna Chapel at 7pm.

LLANGYNWYD cuppa with a copper on Tuesday, November 10 at Llangynwyd Village Hall 10am-12pm.

LLANGEINOR PACT on Wednesday, November 11 at the Richard Price Centre at 5.30pm.

NANTYMOEL/OGMORE VALE PACT on Wednesday, November 11 at Dinam Close Sheltered Accommodation at 7pm.

PYLE/CEFN CRIBWR/CORNELLY PACT on Thursday, November 12 at Cornelly Primary at 6.30pm.

BLAENGARW/PONTYCYMER PACT on Friday, November 20 at the Garw Valley Boys and Girls Club at 6.30pm.

MAESTEG cuppa with a copper on Monday, November 23 at Tesco Maesteg 2pm-3pm.

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(UNTIL NOVEMBER 5)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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Local photographers combine for Carnegie House exhibition

LEFT: (left to right): Dan Wood, Peter Morgan, Anthony Stokes and Tim Wood.

RIGHT: (left to right): Jayne Richards. Mandy Thomas and Alison McGann. (Jenny Hibbert was not available at the time the photo was taken).

by PHILIP IRWIN

EIGHT local photographers have joined up for a week-long exhibition at Carnegie House (the old library) in Wyndham Street, Bridgend.

The exhibition's opening night was Monday, October 26, and it runs until Saturday, October 31.

The eight photographers, Alison McGann, Anthony Stokes, Dan Wood, Jenny Hibbert, Mandy Thomas, Peter Morgan, Tim Wood and Jayne Richards, are all from the Bridgend county borough area, and their work represents a variety of styles.

The exhibition is free, and is open from 11am until 4pm daily.

'HE FAILED TO MODIFY HIS BEHAVIOUR' – COURT IS TOLD

Man is jailed for indecent images

AN unemployed surveyor who was found in possession of indecent images of young girls has been sentenced to 16 months' imprisonment at Cardiff Crown Court, ***writes AJ SICLUNA.***

Rhys Jones (36), of Suffolk Street, Bridgend, was said to have previous convictions for exposure, and for 18 offences involving possession and making of indecent images of children, and had been given a suspended sentence of 32 weeks.

Jones admitted three charges of possessing indecent images.

Judge David Wynn Morgan told him: "You have already received a community sentence, and after some years, you relapsed.

"The court is now bound to impose a prison sentence. The number of images is relatively small, but the quality, if you can call it that, is very serious."

Prosecutor Tom Roberts said that on January 7, police officers searched Jones's address. He was arrested and they recovered his iPhone.

On it, they discovered a number of indecent images. Twenty one were of Category A, the most serious, 29 were Category B and five of C.

"They were a mixture of static and moving images.

"On the phone were recordings of discussions with a number of men. There was no evidence of him trading the images," said Mr Roberts.

The court was told that, when interviewed, Jones said: "No comment" to all questions.

Nick Hartland, his solicitor, said: "All the offences relate to girls, not boys. He accepts that because of his previous convictions, which are aggravating features, it is inevitable the court considers an immediate term of imprisonment."

In the past, said Mr Hartland, he had complied with a sex offender programme, but he failed to modify his behaviour.

He said he had served with the military, but struggled with civilian life.

The convictions, he said, meant he would lose his accommodation.

"He is now at the crossroads of his life," he added.

Jones was ordered to register upon his release as a sex offender for 10 years.

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TOURING ENSEMBLE GETS A STANDING OVATION...

Opus 8 performed at Ewenny Priory Church.

OPUS 8, together with soprano Alison Wray, received at standing ovation at the conclusion of their concert in Ewenny Priory Church on Thursday, October 15.

Entitled *Mozart on Tour,* the ensemble, accompanied by internationally-renowned soprano Alison, performed pieces by a range of 18th century contemporaries of Mozart.

The finale piece, *Exsultate Jubilate* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart himself, and the encore *Veni Sponsa Christe* by Jomellim had the audience on their feet in appreciation of what were breathtaking renditions.

The concert was the latest in the Ewenny 900 series of events to mark the laying of the Priory's foundation stone in 1115.

College principal is guest speaker at charity group

THE Bridgend County Civic Charity enjoyed a grand banquet at the Golden Well oriental restaurant on Sunday, October 18.

The food was plentiful and enjoyable with all guests overwhelmed by the company and the good food.

The chairman of the Civic Charity Committee Coun Marlene Thomas introduced Mr Chris Major as Master of Ceremonies for the event, who was the former headteacher of Heronsbridge School and a strong supporter of the civic charity; he still visits the school often and supports their activities on a regular basis.

Chris explained the format of the evening and after everyone enjoyed their meal called upon Summer Jones-Webster, a student from Bridgend College who had come along to entertain.

Summer is a level 3 student in performing arts and has just started her second year on the musical theatre pathway.

She sang two songs before the main speaker and one to close the evening's entertainment.

Chris introduced the guest speaker, Mr Simon Pirotte, principal and chief executive officer at Bridgend College who spoke about his career in education, where he has worked for over 28 years.

It has included work in the higher education, further education and the school sectors.

He has also worked as a head of department in Los Angeles, USA, on a year-long Fulbright Scheme.

Together with his passion for education, Simon is also committed to sports and the arts. He is a board member of Sport Wales and a founder member of the Steel Wasp Theatre Company.

He was formerly a director of the West Glamorgan Youth Theatre Company. Simon is a member of Colegau Cymru and a member of the Bridgend Local Service Board.

In the absence of the Mayor of the County Borough of Bridgend, the Deputy Mayor Coun Reg Jenkins sincerely thanked everyone for their attendance.

The next event is on Friday, October 30 at the Great House Hotel and Restaurant, Laleston, for a charity lunch at 12.30pm, when the special guests are Janice Gregory AM as comperè and Huw Irranca-Davies MP as guest speaker.

Tickets are £21. For further information and to book, contact Coun Marlene Thomas on 01656 871439 or Mrs Mari Major on 01656 664105.

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Don't dabble in love potions!

ON Saturday, November 7, at 7.30pm in the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, the Mid Glamorgan Savoyards present Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera, ***The Sorcerer,*** **based on a short story Gilbert had previously written, entitled** ***The Elixir of Love.***

The Mid Glamorgan Savoyards' annual concert is now a popular and well-established event.

Since 1994, the company has raised over £55,000 for local and national charities. This year, the proceeds will be divided between Macmillan Cancer Support, GLAZE for prostate cancer and The Save the Children Fund.

Tickets £10 from the Pavilion Box Office, the charities or company members. They sell out fast, so don't delay!

Any Questions in Porthcawl

RADIO 4's Any Questions was broadcast live from Porthcawl last Friday, hosted by the town's flourishing U3A (University of the Third Age) as part of its 20th birthday celebrations. Nearly 300 people attended the programme, presented by Jonathan Dimbleby in All Saints' Church.

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'Fantastic' images entered for photo club's competition

'Pretty Penarth Paddlers' by Richard Craze.

'My paws are freezing' by Geoff Baker.

PYLE and Porthcawl Photographic Society held its annual Dennis Lines Memorial Trophy Competition on Thursday, October 22 at the Glamorgan Holiday Hotel in Porthcawl.

Each member could enter up to four images, which could be digital images or prints in any combination.

Harry Gardiner judged the competition, and not only awarded the points, but also provided an excellent critique on each image.

It was a close-fought competition and the eventual winner, with 20 points, was Geoff Baker with the wonderful 'My Paws are Freezing'.

A fantastic seven images achieved 19 points for second place; three by Geoff Baker, one by Martyn Derbyshire, one by Glyn Edmunds and two by Richard Craze.

Fourteen images achieved 18 points for third place; two by Trevor Morris, one by Trevor Owen, three by John Corcoran, one by Glyn Edmunds, three by Dan Minto, one by Heather Roper, one by Martyn Derbyshire, one by Richard Craze and one by David Morgan.

Congratulations to Geoff for winning the competition with an outstanding score of a 20 and three 19s from his four images! With all those fabulous images, I have to give a big thank you to all who participated for making it such an interesting and entertaining evening.

GLYN EDMUNDS

Geoff Baker receiving the Dennis Lines Trophy.

KPC YOUTH CLUB WINS 'STATE OF THE ART' TV

Commercial director for Peter's Food Service, James Osgood, with Will Jones (10) and Leo Jones (8) from KPC Youth.

KPC Youth and Community recently took delivery of a brand new television at the charity's Pyle-based club house courtesy of Peter's Food Service.

The pie-maker invited schools, community groups and charities to apply for a piece of Peter's 'Slice of the Pie' Community Fund, with KPC proving successful in their bid for the £400 state of the art TV.

The charitable organisation, established in 1998 to provide a safe and nurturing environment for children and young people in the Bridgend area, will use the TV as part of their recreation service which also includes an outdoor skate park and multi sports court.

The centre has also started a transformation from working with youth and now also supports parents and other unemployed community members to help with employability skills and improving their skills through accredited training opportunities and job searches.

Alison Mawby, project development manager of KPC, said: "This award is fantastic for KPC and will benefit all ages attending the centre. We've already used this for dance and exercise sessions, as well as for film sessions for members. Thanks from all at KPC to Peter's Pies for supporting us with this donation."

Commercial director for Peter's, James Osgood, said: "KPC is at the heart of the community. It's a place where young people can go to not only socialise, but also develop their skills and potentially change their lives.

"Peter's is delighted to help such a worthwhile group and we wish all those that use the facilities the very best for their future."

KPC Youth and Community is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 5.30pm and 9.30pm, and Tuesday and Thursday between 6pm and 10pm. They also work with local unemployed in the daytime to help them with employability skills and motivation towards finding employment.

Civic Charity group welcomes college principal

THE historic charter which laid the foundations for Maesteg Market nearly a century ago is being restored to its rightful place.

Dating from July 17, 1919, the charter listed the bye-laws for how the market should operate, detailing rules such as how much space should be allocated for animals being sold there.

For decades, the charter was out of sight and hidden behind a market stall. Now, Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) and Maesteg Town Council have arranged for the document to be salvaged and given pride of place back in the market hall within the next month.

The Glamorgan Archives in Cardiff are cleaning and restoring the ageing parchment, giving it a number of treatments that will preserve and protect it for many more years to come.

Coun Hywel Williams, BCBC's cabinet member for communities, said: "In the last few years, Maesteg Market has undergone a significant transformation as we look to create a modern environment that is fitting for the traders and shoppers of today, but that doesn't mean we have forgotten the past, and it is wonderful that this historic document is being restored.

"I look forward to seeing it back on display, particularly as we approach the market's centenary in 2019."

HARVEST TEA

PORTHCAWL Townswomen's Guild members enjoyed a lunchtime visit to the Grand Pavilion for one of their popular dramas, and also a lunch at Greenacres.

The October meeting was our Harvest Tea and we welcomed one new member and three visitors – I hope they didn't just come for the tea!

Members were reminded to bring items for the stalls for our Christmas Fayre on December 4 at Trinity Church Hall in aid of the British Lung Foundation, who will have a display table.

After readings from members and a World War Two sing-along, we all enjoyed a good tea.

Our next meeting is on November 11 at 2pm, at All Saints' Church Hall when we will have a crafts afternoon with a demonstration of various crafts which we can all try our hands at! It should be fun so do come along – everyone is welcome. For more information, telephone 01656 772157.

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Council's call for volunteer drivers

BRIDGEND County Borough Council's volunteer driver service enables many vulnerable residents to maintain their independence, with journeys being provided for children, young people and adults.

This autumn, they are looking to recruit extra volunteer drivers, and any new volunteers who sign up before December 31 will receive a free seven day Halo Leisure pass, and be entered into a draw to win a whole year's free Halo Leisure membership.

Volunteers use their own vehicles, are reimbursed expenses and are able to choose how much time they can afford to spare around other commitments, with any amount of time welcomed.

BCBC's Deputy Leader, Coun Huw David, said: "Volunteer driving can act as a social activity for people with some spare time. They can make a real difference to their community while making friends and gaining new skills."

If you want to find more, call 01656 642404.

READERS' LETTERS

Is Porthcawl cycle path the right idea?

WHEN Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) invited the public to view the plans of the new cycle route that will be developed along Porthcawl's seafront, a few local residents approached me.

They were concerned that the plan involves both pedestrians and cyclists sharing the pavement.

This was tried previously in Porthcawl, it failed and was scrapped.

Therefore, I did attend a public meeting with BCBC to discuss their plan for the cycle route. After the meeting, I remain of the view that, as a seaside town, our key priority must be to make it easier for tourists and their families to relax and enjoy their time when visiting Porthcawl.

Sharing the pavement with cyclists would cause inconvenience and anxiety for pedestrians, particularly those with little children.

On top of this, the cycle route plan will cost over £300,000.

I believe that had the Welsh Government and BCBC consulted with Porthcawl Town Council and local people, they would have been told what the actual priorities of the residents are and how they would want their taxes to be spent.

George Jabbour, Conservative candidate for the Welsh Assembly, Bridgend constituency.

'Didn't patient present clear medical need?'

I WOULD like to comment on your front page story in the October 22 edition. I am a patient at West Quay and have to say, I'm impressed with the way the medical centre has been run since its opening.

The story about the patient not being able to get his medication is a worrying development.

I have to ask, are any of the employees of the medical centre mentioned in the story, qualified to take what was obviously a medical decision regarding the patient's medication?

Furthermore, Mr Christopher Williams, the practice manager states: "Where there is a clear clinical need to produce prescriptions urgently, the practice will do so."

I would have thought that the incident in question was 'a clear clinical need', so why was the patient made to wait?

I would call upon the doctors at West Quay, to step in and advise Mr Williams of the correct protocols, or is the tail wagging the dog?

(Name and address supplied.)

ALL PHOTOS BY JAC WHITE.

Bottom left: Elliot Harris (10), top left Ewan Harris (12); Mayoress Jacqueline White, Andrew Harris (6) centre, and Mayor Coun David White.

The Poppy Appeal is launched in Bridgend

A number of the poppy sellers at the launch of poppy appeal 2015 at Ty Carnegie.

RIGHT: Committee member of the British Legion Ted Williams, chairman Jon Crowdrey and Carwyn Jones AM.

FOLLOWING the official launch of Bridgend branch of the British Legion Poppy Appeal 2015, Bridgend Town Mayor Coun David White visited the Poppy Shop, on Dunraven Place, Bridgend, where you can purchase a range of poppies, bracelets and wreaths for the Remembrance Service.

Coun David White said it was an honour to launch the 2015 Bridgend Poppy Appeal: "I'd like to offer my thanks to the poppy sellers and pay my respects to those who gave their today so we could have our tomorrow.

"Across the UK, I am informed the 2015 Poppy Appeal is looking to raise over £40 million and Bridgend plays a part in this.

"It always surprises me the way the residents of Bridgend continue to support the appeal year after year and are proud of their personal links, along with the links Bridgend has to the Armed Forces.

"Mr John Crowdrey, chairman of the Bridgend branch of the British Legion, reminded everyone that buying the British Legion Poppy helps us to provide thousands of modern and older veterans, current service men, women and their families with vital advice and support.

"This year, don't just wear a poppy for the memory of the fallen, wear it also for the future of the living."

Bridgend Branch of the Legion is looking for volunteers this year. If you're interested in volunteering, if it's only for a few hours, call in to the shop on Dunraven Place, next to the Old Stone Bridge or ask any poppy seller in and around the town how you can help.

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Guides join Big Gig of stars at Wembley!

The girls and leaders from 7th Bridgend Guides are pictured next to the Central Glamorgan Girlguides minibus after the Big Gig.

GUIDES from 7th Bridgend were dazzled by some of the biggest stars in UK pop at Wembley Arena's Girlguiding Big Gig on October 10.

They joined a girl-only crowd of 10,000 at the event held exclusively for Guides from all over the UK.

The 7th Bridgend Guides, all aged between 10 and 14, enjoyed performances from a stellar line-up including Ella Henderson, Nathan Sykes, Aston Merrygold, Concept, Gabrielle Aplin, Foxes, Daniel J and Jagmac, and hosts Nicki and Sammy stars of 'Next Big Thing' were on presenting duties.

Zoe Thomas (aged 10) said: "It was amazing, one of the best things I have ever done."

Charlotte Pickett (11) said: "Daniel J and Nathan Sykes were absolutely brilliant."

Nicola (Woody) and fellow Guide Leaders (Siân and Melanie) who led the girls on their adventure to Wembley in the jointly-owned county minibus, said: "We were so proud of the girls, it was a pleasure taking them to such a wonderful event and they certainly were excellent advocates for Girlguiding Central Glamorgan and we all had a fantastic day."

Siân Jones said: "I heard the loudest screams anyone has ever heard from 10,000 Girl Guide members in one place!"

The Big Gig is hosted by Girlguiding for members aged between 10 and 14, and has seen some of the biggest names in pop perform at major venues around the UK.

What opportunities are available for you?

BRIDGEND Communities First's Bridgend Employment Skills Project (BESP) will be at Sarn Lifelong Learning on Monday, November 2 from 9.30am - 12.30pm, to offer information on apprenticeships; Jobs Growth Wales; traineeships; training opportunities; employability support; basic skills support; advice; guidance and support.

BESP is funded to work with anyone over the age of 16, unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week and living in Bridgend Communities First areas. They can provide training and support to help people become job-ready and to gain sustainable employment.

For further details, call 01656 642 605 or email: cf.besp@bridgend.gov.uk.

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Maesteg - 16 November - 10am to 4pm
Maesteg Town Council, Council Offices, Talbot Street, Maesteg, CF34 9BY

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Pupils will represent MP

Pupils from Nottage Primary with MP Madeleine Moon.

BRIDGEND MP Madeleine Moon has invited pupils from Nottage and Mynydd Cynffig Primary Schools to lay her Parliamentary wreaths at the Remembrance services at All Saints' Church, Porthcawl, and the Cenotaph in Kenfig Hill on Sunday, November 8.

Mrs Moon said: "This year I am attending the Remembrance service in Bridgend on Sunday and have invited pupils from Nottage and Mynydd Cynffig primary schools to lay wreaths on my behalf in Porthcawl and Kenfig Hill. I believe it is so important to include young people in the borough in Remembrance services so that they too remember the past.

"Pupils attending on my behalf in Porthcawl will be Jack Phillips and Anousha Cronje from Nottage Primary, and in Kenfig Hill, pupils from years 3 and 4 from Mynydd Cynffig Primary.

"I met all the pupils before the service for a rehearsal and I was pleased that the pupils felt honoured and extremely proud to be invited to be part of the Remembrance services."

Roadshow has a green message

THE entertainers, The Gregory Brothers, have been visiting a number of local schools to encourage pupils to reduce, re-use and recycle – and teaching them how important it is not to drop any litter, and to pick up after their dogs.

Packed with catchy songs to help children learn environmental messages, their 'Tidy Ted and Eco Eli' roadshow visited 12 local primary schools during the last couple of weeks.

Coun Hywel Williams, BCBC's cabinet member for communities, said: "Teaching the younger generation about the importance of looking after their surroundings and being green is absolutely vital, and the Gregory Brothers' show is a really fun, interactive way of getting these messages across.

"Their songs, puppets and dance moves all helped to capture the children's imaginations, and we are hoping that the roadshow can be performed in many more schools next year too.

"When you consider the financial challenges that the council is currently facing, the more we can remind people to look after their environment the better. Public funds that are spent on clearing litter, removing fly tipping, and picking up after inconsiderate dog owners could be put to much better use, so I would urge residents of all ages to please keep our county borough clean."

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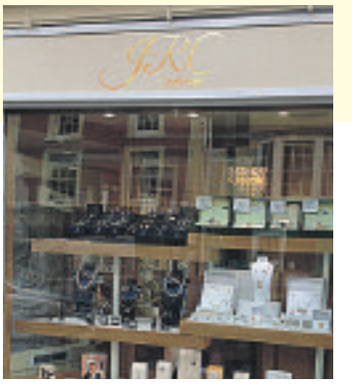

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Bryncethin WI

THE members have been very busy lately. Bryncethin WI held their second chip charabanc, and during their short coach ride from Bryncethin to Porthcawl the ladies enjoyed bumpy bingo, a quiz and a fish and chip meal! Fun was had by all.

Bryncethin WI would like to thank Gwyn Jones Coaches for donating towards this event and also the services of the driver Geraint Davies, free of charge.

On October 15, president Debi Thomas gave a warm welcome to everyone; birthdays of our members were read out and they received birthday cards. Debi informed members that our new assistant secretary is Nicola Cornock.

The social secretary Teresa Ree read the minutes of the previous meeting.

Debi then introduced the guest speaker Jen Davies (secretary) who gave a talk on an introduction to family history research, a PowerPoint presentation which lasted 45 minutes.

Members asked questions and looked at various sources which would assist them with their own family history research. Debi thanked Jen for the talk, which was free of charge, and refreshments were then served.

The Bryncethin WI recipe books were available for sale for £3 each and members Anita Edgecombe and Ceri Davies were thanked for their efforts in producing the booklet.

Member Audrey Letton spoke to members informing them that she has received a letter requesting her to be on the sport and leisure sub-committee for Federation House. Audrey was congratulated by our members.

Members were given updates on various events and were encouraged to assist with the up and coming Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 14.

Bryncethin WI meets every third Thursday of the month, 6.45pm – 9pm at Bryncethin Memorial Hall. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 19 when there will be a Christmas-themed sugar craft demonstration by Nicola Roberts. To contact Bryncethin WI, e m a i l : bryncethin.wi@gmail.com or mobile: 07938 746890.

Bon voyage

I WOULD like to wish Janice Gregory well and hope she has a happy retirement.

Janice has helped me on a number of occasions in disputes with officialdom. She has represented Ogmore as Labour AM since the first Welsh Assembly Government was formed in 1999. At the last election in 2011 she retained her seat with a 9,576 majority, the largest of any party in Wales. At present she acts as Labour's chief whip.

Choir welcomes new members

CÔR Meibion Maesteg a'r Cylch (Maesteg and District male voice choir) has helped different charities raise thousands of pounds for the last 40 years.

The choir has 50 voices and is keen to recruit more men to the choir. They only have to turn up on a Thursday evening at 7pm. An excellent welcome awaits and for only £3 a week.

The choir's last concert was at St Mary's Church in Garth and raised nearly £300 towards a kitchen and toilets. Rob Doyle, public relations officer, hoped the choir could become more involved and help raise more funds for its major project.

The choir were in fine voice in a traditional concert singing the old favourites such as 'Osis and Osiris', 'Speed your journey' and Arwel Hughes' 'Tydi a Roddaist'. Rhian Jenkins, the musical director, assisted by accompanist Ryan Wood have brought the choir to the high standard of singing for which it has become renowned.

The choir has become a favourite with audiences in the Llynfi Valley when Rhian and Ryan do their piano duet. This time it was a selection of music from Rodgers and Hammerstein.

Kevan Lloyd, as a soloist, enthralled the audience with two pieces, he has been with the choir for 15 years and what an impact he made. He sang two songs from *Les Miserables*.

On November 7, the choir will be travelling to Radstock in Wiltshire, where it will be performing in a concert to raise money for the Lions club. It has carried out this function for a number of years.

Aberkenfig and District WI

PRESIDENT Eunice Williams welcomed the members to the October meeting.

A minute's silence was observed for Pearl who passed away the previous Saturday.

Happy Birthday was sung to Peggy and Joanne, the October Birthday Babes. Members were delighted to see Ethel again.

The Gwili railway trip went well and everyone enjoyed it.

Diaries and calendars were distributed. Plans were made for attending an evening with Mark Evans and for a visit to the Botanic Garden of Wales. Arrangements were also made for a celebratory dinner at the Hi-Tide.

Members are looking forward to an early Christmas shopping opportunity on November 18 – Culverhouse Cross and lunch.

The speaker was Deana Owen on 'Friends of Monze', supported by her friend Ann. Friends of Monze is a small charity based in south Wales. It was created by Deana Owen, a retired nurse and health visitor, who travelled to Zambia to assist in the growing AIDS pandemic.

Deana visited homes, schools and support groups and developed a strong connection with the people of Monze. The mission of the charity is to facilitate friendship and offer support to the residents of the town of Monze, in Zambia, Africa.

Deana painted a vivid picture of the warmth and positive attitude of Monze residents as well as the hardship and poverty. It was lovely to see the smiling faces and welcoming dance of the children and heart-warming to see what has been created.

The 400 children of Monze are mainly orphans with a determination to receive an education despite a tiny and dilapidated school, no desks or blackboards and three shifts of teaching. Many of the children have no shoes and none had schoolbooks, and then the school fell down during the rainy season!

One of the tasks of Deana and the charity was to build a new school and they did - but first they provided blackboards for a temporary school held under a Unicef tent.

Then they needed a well to make the concrete to build the school… The new school was built and boasts three classrooms, storage rooms and offices – and really importantly – windows and a roof! The Monze community were thrilled and the handover ceremony was a lively day of dancing, prayers and speeches.

Members found out about the education on forced marriages and the importance of menstrual hygiene if girls are to be able to participate fully in educational opportunities.

Deana and Anne had many beautiful wares for sale – many made in Monze and some made by supporters of the project. Find out more a t : www.friendsofmonze.org

Aberkenfig and District WI meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 2pm in the Len Evans Centre, Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig. Visitors and new members are always made welcome.

The next meeting will be on November 11, when members will get their annual Christmas visit from Tondu School choir. The competition will be 'An Old Coin'. For further information, call Dilys on 01656 725399, visit www.cobwebs.com and/or www.facebook.com/Aberkenfigwomensinstitute.

Songs of Praise

ABERKENFIG and District United Churches will be holding a Songs of Praise service at Nazareth Baptist Church, Bryncethin conducted by Rev Stephen Pare on Friday, November 6 at 7pm.

Macmillan Cancer Charity

WELL done to the following individuals and organisations that have held coffee mornings to raise funds for the charity. Raema – £306, Sandra Trigg – £160, Nazareth Baptist Church – £367, Anne Komor – £270.

Laleston WI

VICE president Barbara Rees welcomed everyone, including two guests, to the October meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The members who represented Laleston WI in the Federation quiz in September were congratulated on their efforts.

Arrangements were made for this month's Luncheon Club in the Caeffatri Inn and book club in the library.

Transport details were given for the Mark Evans evening in the Porthcawl Grand Pavilion and the Federation Dinner with Owen Money in the Hi-Tide Inn.

Names were taken for the Christmas lunch on December 8 in the Atlantic Hotel, and to end the business part of the evening the calendars and diaries for 2016 were sold.

Barbara then introduced the guest speaker, Mr Alex Belojica, who gave a very interesting talk on Norse mythology, and a vote of thanks was given by Elaine Jones.

Refreshments followed and the meeting closed after the raffle was drawn, and won by Maureen Morgan.

The next meeting will be held on November 5 at 7.15pm in Blandy Hall (Laleston Gardening Club) when the topic of guest speaker Mr George Brady will be 'Policing in Gibraltar'.

Visitors are warmly welcomed. For further information call Margaret on 01656 660384.

Tynyrheol Primary School

KERRY JONES, the headteacher, would like to thank everyone who donated items and attended the recent school harvest festival service at Calfaria Chapel led by Pastor Wilson.

All the items were distributed among elderly residents in Llangeinor and the Treetops residential home.

Kerry is delighted with the school's pupil attendance figures which are class 1 – 95.7 per cent, class 2 – 95.5 per cent, class 3 – 96.7 per cent, an overall attendance figure of 96 per cent, which exceeds the school's cluster target figure of 95 per cent. She hopes the pupils will exceed these figures over the remainder of the term.

She is delighted that a number of pupils entered a writing competition during the summer term and some of the stories have been selected by Young Writers for publication. The pupils are Darcey Bennetta, Henley Dowling, Logan Hume, Sophie Jones, Gwen Lewis, Grace Pascoe, Gwen Standing, Ruby Thomas. Congratulations to you all!

The PTFA are combining with the Richard Price Centre and holding a Hallowe'en disco. It is on Saturday, October 31 from 7pm – 10.30pm in the Richard Price Centre. Everyone welcome.

Laleston Gardening Club

THE members of this active club meet at Cliff Cottage, High Street, adjacent to the parish church.

The club has a series of monthly meetings throughout the autumn and winter months, on the second Monday of each month starting at 7.30pm.

At the next meeting on November 9 there will will be a quiz and social evening to which everyone is warmly welcomed.

The club also has a thriving ladies' section which meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. On November 3, there will be a talk by Barbara Yorwerth on Ty Cariad.

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NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

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BLACK CAT DAY IS A GREAT SUCCESS AT BRIDGEND PROTECTION CENTRE!

Coun Reg Jenkins, the Deputy Mayor of Bridgend County Borough, with cat centre staff

Poppy and Coral Boucher.

Gemma Scourfield and Archie.

Danielle draper's carved pumpkin.

Martini and Mojito.

PHOTOGRAPHS by SUE DOBBS

THE Bridgend Cats Protection Centre held a 'Black Cat Bonanza' last Saturday (October 24) – taking advantage of the event's proximity to Halloween.

Centre manager Sue Dobbs told The GEM: "We had a great day, with over 150 people coming along to support the event.

"We raised over £1,475 and nine cats and kittens were reserved on the day, including Martini and Mojito, 10-week-old kittens who had been overlooked previously.

"Our special guests were the Deputy Mayor of Bridgend County Borough, Coun Reg Jenkins, and the Deputy Mayoress, Mrs Teresa Jenkins.

"They had a great time meeting all the cats and kittens in our care, and visiting the stalls and other attractions."

The event was held in the lead up to National Black Cat Day, which was on Tuesday, October 27, to encourage people to find a place in their hearts and homes for an unwanted black or black-and-white moggy.

The team, volunteers and supporters dressed up as black cats on the day and attractions included a creepy cavern, fresh cake stall, raffle, tombola, children's corner and much more."

Cat carer Alice Darroch brought in her pet snake and many of the visitors were fascinated by him.

Sue Dobbs said "We would like to say thank you to the Mayor and Mayoress, and to everyone who came along to support our event.

"It was a successful day and a great time was had by all. We currently have 143 cats and kittens in the centre, 50 per cent of whom are black and black-white, several of whom are long stay cats.

"Hopefully the event highlighted the plight of these cats and they will find their forever homes soon."

Anyone interested in adopting a cat or kitten should call 01656 724396 or email bridgend@cats.org.uk

NEW TECHNOLOGY AND THE TAXI TRADE...

Should the taxi Uber App be welcomed in Wales?

by GEM REPORTER

THE leader of the Welsh Conservatives says the arrival of the online taxi company Uber should be embraced in Wales – but that is not necessarily the view of taxi firms in Barry.

Uber is a smartphone app that taxi customers can download. A car can be booked at the touch of a button – and when the customer arrives at the end of the journey the payment is processed automatically. The fare is paid to Uber online which takes a cut and then pays the driver.

Making comments on a Welsh Conservative forum, regional Assembly Member Andrew RT Davies said innovation should be welcomed: "Welsh Conservatives are the party of the entrepreneur, the grafter, the innovator which is why technology should be embraced – not feared.

"Take the row over Uber, for example. Its arrival in London has provoked a strong response from taxi drivers and Transport for London – and the same controversy has raged in Cardiff since Uber announced its intention to launch earlier this year.

"Ultimately, all people want is access to a reliable, safe and convenient transport network and that's why Uber deserves a chance in Wales.

"The traditional black cab is a wonderful thing. It's part of our history. In a sprawling, complicated, urban land mass like London, 'knowledge' is a valuable tool. But the Mayor of London is right – the public has a right to choose between the high-end service offered by the hackney carriages and the low-cost convenience of Uber. Competition is a good thing."

Uber operates with private hire licensed drivers.

But Iqbal Miah the co-owner of 1st Line Taxis in Barry said there are more than enough taxi drivers in the Vale and companies like Uber could bring it to saturation point.

1st Line Taxis employs a total of 46 people, some in the office and some out on the road.

He explained: "The taxi trade is well run by the Vale of Glamorgan Council. If people have a problem with a local taxi firm they are able to talk directly to them. The customer has a direct contract with the taxi firm – with Uber, it is indirect."

Mr Miah said that local firms were also moving forward in terms of using new technology and it would be unfair for a big company to move in to the Vale, endangering the employment of local people.

In some ways, the controversy over Uber mirrors the march of supermarket chains – with independent and family owned shops often losing out.

Big cities like London and Cardiff are grappling with the issue raised by Uber – in the future, it could be areas like the Vale and Bridgend too.

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Mynydd Cynffig WI

PRESIDENT Marjorie Goode welcomed the members and opened the September meeting.

The minutes from the last meeting were read out by secretary Enid Rymer and contents agreed by the members.

There was a visitor from a neighbouring WI bringing a lady to our meeting to show her what the WI is all about. She lives in Kenfig Hill and is 93 years young.

It made the members think of the reasons they had for joining the WI. Making new friends, learning new skills and supporting each other, having the opportunity to stretch ourselves doing things we would not normally have tried, and listening to talks every month by people who are passionate about their subject, like the gentleman Stephen Jarvis who gave a talk on Welsh Homes of Distinction, it was very informative.

Hopefully, the talk next month by Debra John titled 'Edwardian Maid' will be as good. The calendar to Christmas is full. The Mynydd Cynffig WI meets in the Talbot Centre, Prince Road, Kenfig Hill on the second Tuesday of the month, and welcomes visitors and new members.

Maesteg Town Hall

IN support of the Royal British Legion poppy day fundraising effort, Côr Merched Cwm Llynfi (Llynfi Valley Ladies Choir) are performing in a concert with music provided by Ogmore Valley Silver Band on Saturday, October 31 at 7pm in the town hall.

The soloist is the Urdd and Welsh National Eisteddfod winning singer Rhydian Jenkins.

FLORAL SOCIETY

PORTHCAWL Floral Arrangement Society will meet at Awel-y-Mor Centre on Wednesday, November 11, for an open evening including a demonstration by Adrian Cooke entitled 'Designs for Christmas'.

There will be a sales table and raffle. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.30pm start. The cost is £8, including a glass of wine. Everyone is welcome.

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Stop and search cannabis find in town

POLICE patrolling in Bridgend stopped and searched a man near Brook Street on Sunday, October 25.

Hundreds of pounds worth of cannabis was seized by officers following searches.

An 18-year-old male has been charged with possessing class B drugs with intent to supply and was remanded into custody.

'STAY SAFE AT HALLOWE'EN'

AGE CYMRU is wishing trick-or-treaters a happy Hallowe'en for Saturday night (October 31).

"We want everyone to have a fun and trouble-free night," said Angharad Phillips, Age Cymru's Spread the Warmth Coordinator.

"Please look out for vulnerable older people in your community and remember that not everyone wants to be involved in the celebrations."

Mayor supports Stroke Association's campaign

The Mayor of Bridgend County Borough, Coun Richard Young, joined Karyl Carter and local stroke survivors at the Evergreen Hall in Bridgend.

THE Mayor of Bridgend County Borough is supporting The Stroke Association's fun new campaign to raise awareness and funds to help change the world for people affected by stroke.

A stroke strikes in an instant but its effects can last a lifetime. Three quarters of stroke survivors lose the use of one of their hands, and often they have to re-learn how to do the things they've always done.

So, the charity's 'Give a Hand' campaign is inviting people to take part in a range of fundraising activities, but only using their 'other' hand that they wouldn't normally use!

The Mayor, Coun Richard Young, said: "This is a fun campaign to raise awareness of a serious subject that affects many local people. Using the hand that you wouldn't usually use puts into perspective the challenges that are faced by stroke sufferers every day.

"The Stroke Association provides wonderful support for stroke survivors during their rehabilitation, and I'm delighted to 'Give a Hand' to support this initiative."

Karyl Carter, communication support coordinator for the Stroke Association in Bridgend, said: "We are currently supporting 95 stroke survivors at our community groups in Bridgend County Borough. We offer a huge variety of activities for the group members such as gardening at our allotment, art, IT, knitting, crocheting, and exercise classes.

"Each member shows so much enthusiasm when they're learning a new skill or talent and it's just proof that there is life after stroke. We're lucky to have so many wonderful volunteers that attend our groups, and we are very grateful to everyone that supports us."

To find out more about the support offered to stroke survivors in Bridgend County Borough, please call the national Stroke Association office on 02920 524400 or visit stroke.org.uk.

Don't let 'home life' pass Jet by

Jet with Dogs Trust behaviourist, Kim Rowe.

SPORTS-MAD Jet has been at the rehoming centre in Bridgend for over 25 years in dog years – which means he could potentially have been overlooked by over 6,500 people and seen nearly 2,500 of his furry counterparts find their own happy homes.

The sweet-natured crossbreed has been at the rehoming centre since before Wales won the 2012 Grand Slam.

Jet didn't have the best start in life after he came to the rehoming centre when his owners could no longer care for him.

Despite this, he "absolutely adores people" and staff are baffled as to why adopters are not showing any interest in him.

Linda Feagan, Dogs Trust supporter relations officer, said: "He is such an affectionate boy who would prefer to be the only dog in the home so that he can enjoy all your attention to himself. He is looking for a home with older children as he is very energetic."

Call Bridgend Rehoming Centre on 0300 303 0292, or visit www.dogstrust.org.uk

Marie Curie staff enjoy their own 'dinner down memory lane'. Pictured are legacy advisor Phae Comber-Jones, partnerships manager Owain Taylor-Shaw, health care assistant Cherie Deans, and fundraisers Sarah Hughes and Georgina Burke.

GET OUT THE BLACK FOREST GATEAUX FOR MARIE CURIE

MARIE Curie is calling on all food fans to hold a retro-inspired dinner party in aid of the charity this November.

Retro food is having a revival and Marie Curie's new fundraising campaign, 'Dinner Down Memory Lane' is about holding a dinner party and recreating your favourite nostalgic food.

The money raised from every dinner party will help Marie Curie provide more free care to people living with a terminal illness and their families at the Cardiff and Vale Hospice.

Staff at the hospice recently held their own 'dinner down memory lane', where they enjoyed chocolate fondue, lemon meringue pie and Angel Delight.

Georgina Burke, Community Fundraiser for the Cardiff and Vale Hospice said: "We had great fun holding our own Dinner Down Memory Lane and it made us all very nostalgic. We're really looking forward to seeing what the local community cooks up – whether it be a classic recipe from the past or putting a new twist on an old favourite".

For more information and to sign up for a free fundraising pack visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/dinner or call 0800 716146.

New recruits bolster Barry Male Voice Choir

LAST year's recruits are now important singing members of the Barry Male Voice Choir and enjoy the friendship and fun of choir life.

Here musical director Dot Connell ensures that the subtle harmonies and rousing choruses of the choir repertoire retain their distinct quality.

Full details of the choir feature and the taster evening at the West End Club, Barry on November 16 will be in The GEM on November 5.

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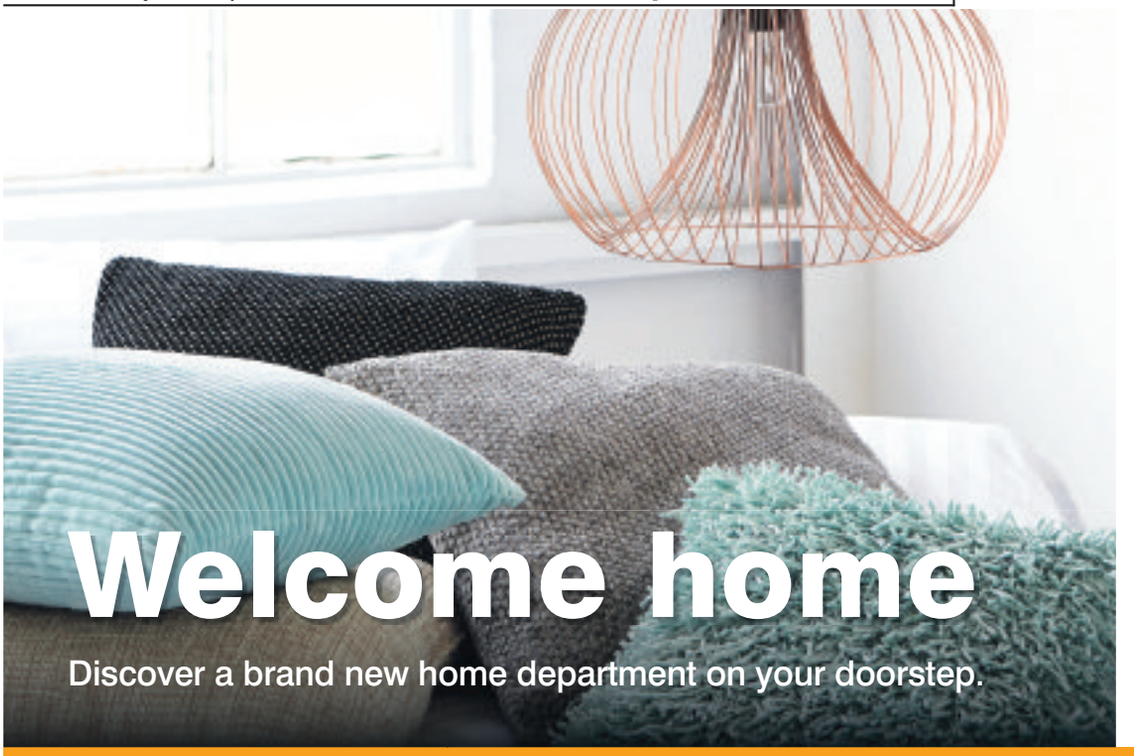

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OVER-50s' group completes survey for 'Active Travel'

From left to right: Group members Anne Marie Little; Ellie Wallis; Max Wallis; Kalpana Natarajan; Gilly Davies; John Porter (Vale Council older persons' co-ordinator); and Clare Cameron (Vale Council road safety).

A VALE over-50s group has recently completed a survey aimed at finding new walking and cycling routes in the area.

According to the group, there is potential for this in Barry, Penarth, Llantwit Major, Cowbridge, Dinas Powys, Llandough and Rhoose.

Anne Marie Little, chair of the Vale 50-plus Strategy Forum, explained: "In September 2014, the Welsh Government introduced the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013.

"The Act makes it a legal requirement for local authorities in Wales to map and plan for suitable routes for active travel.

"Active Travel means walking and cycling for everyday short-distance journeys, such as journeys to education, work/volunteering, or for access to shops or services. Active travel does not include journeys purely made for recreation or social reasons."

Members of the group have been taking part in the process, but Anne Marie says that members of the public can also complete the survey, which can be found on *www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=144368933029*.

The deadline for completing the survey is January 2016. More information on the work of the Vale 50+ Strategy Forum can be found on www.valeopf.co.uk

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Students plan to give Bluebirds' mascot room an artistic touch!

Creative arts and media students at Cardiff City Stadium.

STUDENTS from Cardiff and Vale College have been commissioned to create an inspirational artwork for Cardiff City Football Club.

As part of its community programme the club has a mascot day scheme for four to ten-year-old CCFC fans. Currently, the room where the mascots wait before joining players on the pitch on match days is bare with white walls, and CCFC wants CAVC art students to brighten it up with their work.

This artwork will be seen by the young fans, their families and other visitors that come to Cardiff City Stadium throughout the year. The work will be themed around young mascots and CCFC.

The club's community officer, Simon Stephens, recently invited a group of Level 1 Exploring the Creative Arts and Media students to Cardiff City Stadium. Here they could draw some inspiration and see where their work would be installed while also taking in the dressing rooms, football pitch and tunnel.

"I learned a lot about Cardiff City Football Club," learner Simone Pace said. "People were really friendly and I enjoyed myself."

Fellow student Earl McRae said: "I think it was really good when we discussed the room and I now have a lot of ideas."

AM's surgery

VALE AM Jane Hutt will be holding a surgery on Friday, October 30, from 4pm-5pm at Trinity Church Hall, Trinity Street, Barry; no appointment necessary.

Governors win a top award!

Chair of governors Edwina Gill, clerk of the governors Mrs Caroline Rees-Williams and headteacher Andrea Waddington.

THE board of governors at Sully Primary school has been awarded the Quality Mark Bronze Award for governing bodies by Governors Wales in recognition of their impact upon the school's improvement.

Chair of the board of governors, Edwina Gill, said: "The recognition of the board of governors' achievements by Governors Wales is a testament to the continued hard work of all involved. Every one of our governors gives up their own time to help Sully Primary provide its pupils with the best start in life."

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Audit office's approval is 'very pleasing' AND SHOWS THAT BIG IS NOT BEST

VIEW FROM THE VALE

by Coun **NEIL MOORE** Leader of the **Vale of Glamorgan Council**

LAST month I was very pleased to open my column with the news that the Vale Council had been rated as the highest-performing local authority in Wales by the Wales Data Unit.

I am therefore very pleased to confirm that this month that the council has now been commended for its work by the Wales Audit Office (WAO).

Quite an achievement and yet another reason and argument to make the stance of the Vale Council being a stand-alone council.

Perhaps the Welsh Government should compare this council against others particularly the larger ones. This clearly puts to bed the argument that 'Big is Best'. My apologies to the other councils – but just making the point!

The WAO found the council's performance to be strong and its financial management to be effective. Most encouragingly, the auditors stated that our track record suggested that the Vale Council was well placed to improve further over the course of this year and next.

The stated aim of the WAO is to "ensure that the people of Wales know whether public money is being managed wisely and that public bodies in Wales understand how to improve outcomes". For the WAO, the national body responsible for this to have rated the Vale so highly speaks volumes about the hard work that is being undertaken every day by the staff and cabinet of the council to help navigate its way through a very difficult financial climate.

I am also pleased that this last month was yet another busy and a hugely encouraging month for the Vale Council. Yet again the work of the council officers has been recognised, this time in the categories 'Integration and collaborative working' as well as 'Project of the Year' at the National Construction Excellence Awards in London.

Both were in relation to the work carried out in building the Penarth Learning Community (PLC), our new schools in Penarth. Although we did not win the top prize, the PLC Project was commended (third) as project of the year. The winner was Dawlish emergency project.

I am equally pleased to be able to report back on the progress of several high profile projects that are currently on the brink of completion. Earlier this month my cabinet colleagues Coun Lis Burnett and Coun Stuart Egan showed two Welsh Government Ministers and a number of other guests around the new water sports facility at the Mole on the former number one dock at Barry Waterfront.

The facility is run by the Ocean Watersports Trust, which is partly funded by the Vale Council, and will soon provide an opportunity for everyone to enjoy sailing and other pursuits on the open water. I wish them every success in the future.

The group subsequently visited the new housing development on the waterfront before touring the renovated Pumphouse, also at the Waterfront, which is due to see its first commercial tenants move in over the coming weeks.

Sitting at the heart of the town's Innovation Quarter, the Pumphouse has been completely remodelled by the developer DS Properties, following a £1.6m investment by the Vale Council in 2013.

The renovation is bringing back to life the once derelict nineteenth century local landmark and will provide a setting for restaurants and leisure facilities, as well as Barry's first live/work apartments.

By the time this article is read, a regenerated and rejuvenated Jenner Park will have been opened with a brand new 3G pitch and will have hosted its first sporting event. The new Jenner Park has been planned as a stadium open to all and I envisage much community use in the future, as well as hosting the regular football matches.

Therefore, it is fitting that the first action on the artificial surface was a Vale under-6s mini football festival. Barry Town United FC will play their first match on the new pitch on October 31 and I hope Gavin Chesterfield and his team enjoy their first run out on the pitch as much as the under-6s did.

I am sure that many people will be reading this at the end of another busy half-term of trying to keep up with and keep busy their children and grandchildren. For those who are as worn out as I am after a week with my grandchild, perhaps it's not a surprise to know that the Vale has some of the most active children and young people in Wales.

This year's school sport survey has revealed that children in the Vale are participating in sport in ever increasing numbers and that in a table of Wales' 22 local authorities, the Vale's youngsters secured a top three spot for sporting activity.

This is encouraging, as the more young people we can get playing sport the better and I like to think that these figures are in part due to the excellent work the Vale Council's sports and play development team, who have put on a wide range of events to get young people active.

There was an exciting programme of free play and sports opportunities delivered during the summer which included arts and crafts, den building, outdoor games, junk modelling, and sports.

I'm sure many people will have been enjoying similar activities this half term week, so I would like to say a big thank you to the team yet again.

I would also like to congratulate two young people who have been very active in the last month, on the campaign trail during Local Democracy Week. Daniel Marshall from Cowbridge Comprehensive School has been elected as the Vale of Glamorgan's second Youth Mayor, with Bronwen Lloyd from Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg elected as this year's Deputy Youth Mayor.

I was delighted to announce the results of the election at the Vale Youth Forum, where many of our young people are working hard to highlight youth issues. The new youth representatives were elected after more than 3,802 pupils from schools across the Vale cast their votes during this year's Local Democracy Week.

All the candidates had excellent manifestos and presented convincing cases in their election videos. It was very clear that they are passionate about representing young people in the Vale and can feel rightly proud of their efforts.

My cabinet colleagues and I are looking forward to working with the new Youth Mayor and Deputy Mayor and the rest of the Youth Cabinet, to ensure that young people in the Vale have a say on matters that affect them, and to further strengthen the communication links between young people and decision makers at the Vale Council.

Finally, I look forward to seeing many of you at the 42nd annual Barry Fireworks Fiesta next week. I am sure it will be as good as ever.

Will Aid's 'Make a Will' month

IF you have been putting off writing or updating your Will, then this November is the time to put things right.

Will Aid's Make a Will Month offers people the opportunity to put their affairs in order, secure their loved one's future and give to charities.

Participating solicitors are inviting people to contact them to book appointments for November when they will prepare basic Wills without charging their normal fee. All that they will ask in return is that clients consider making a voluntary donation to Will Aid. The suggested donation is just £95 for a single Will or £150 for a pair of mirror Wills.

The money raised is shared by nine UK charities that carry out life-changing work here in the UK and around the world, namely ActionAid, Age UK, British Red Cross, Christian Aid, NSPCC, Sightsavers, Save the Children, SCIAF (Scotland) and Trocaire (N. Ireland).

Will Aid's Make A Will Month is the perfect opportunity to gain the peace of mind that comes from knowing your affairs are in order and that your wishes will be carried out after your death.

In fact, writing a legally valid Will is the only way of ensuring that this happens. Around one third of the people who die each year do so without a Will, and their estate is therefore distributed according to a set of rules which cannot adequately cope with modern family circumstances.

This can lead to a great deal of stress and uncertainty, as well as financial hardship for those left behind.

Even if you have a Will, it is important to keep it up to date. Will Aid's research shows that almost 60 per cent of people with a Will may not have revised it for three years or more. Experts recommend routinely reviewing a Will every three to five years, and making a new Will as soon as significant family changes occur.

Peter de Vena Franks, Will Aid campaign director, said: "Will Aid is a fantastic opportunity to get an affordable Will with one of our friendly and approachable solicitors.

"They are generously giving their time without any payment to help people look after their loved ones and, at the same time, to raise funds for very worthwhile causes.

"This is the perfect opportunity to have a solicitor draw up your Will, protect your loved ones and give to charity at the same time. Please book early as solicitors tend to fill their appointments very quickly. "

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Alan Simons & Co – Mr Gianpiero Molinu, 02920 703991, 5 Bradenham Place, Penarth, CF64 2AG.

Further information at www.willaid.org.uk or call the hotline 0300 0309 558, then contact them directly to make an appointment.

TV PROSECUTIONS

MORE than 26,000 young people between the ages of 18 and 25 were caught watching live TV without a TV licence in the past year including 53 young adults in Barry and 71 in Bridgend.

The figures were released by TV Licensing.

Catherine Griffith-Williams, spokesperson for TV Licensing in Wales, said: "Every year myths circulate about when you do and don't need a licence.

"We want to make sure students and young people know one is needed by law to watch or record live TV, on any device including a laptop, tablet, mobile phone or games console.

"A TV licence costs on average £12.13 a month which goes towards services like Radio 1's Big Weekend, BBC iPlayer, Newsbeat and BBC One Match of the Day.

"To avoid the risk of prosecution and a fine of up to £1,000, we encourage students to check if they need a licence on our website – www.tvlicensing.co.uk/studentinfo – or by calling 0300 790 6113."

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The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below: -

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to travel at a speed greater than 30 mph in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location The area of the A4055 Harbour Road (Causeway) from its junction with St Nicholas Road to its junction with Paget Road Barry.

In addition, the Order known as "The Vale of Glamorgan (A4055 Harbour Road, Barry) (40MPH Speed Restriction) (NO.29) Order 1998" shall be suspended for the duration of this Order.

Reason To allow for the construction of a new footway and cycle lane.

Duration From 6th November 2015, for a maximum period of 18 months or until the 30mph Traffic Signs are removed, whichever is the sooner.

Dated this 29th day of October 2015.

M. E Punter, Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
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Plenty of success for Ysgol Bro pupils

THE half term has been full of success for Ysgol Bro Morgannwg pupils and past pupils.

Cory Allen and Lloyd Williams were called up to the Wales squad for the Rugby World Cup, while Wes Burns was in the Wales squad to face Andorra in the Euro 2016 Qualifiers.

Iwan Baker, a sixth form pupil, won a silver medal at the recent British Open Junior Wrestling Championships.

Iwan Baker.

Away from the field of sport, Brennig Davies has won two prestigious prizes recently. He was winner of the first BBC Young Writers' award 2015 and was the youngest competitor in the competition. This award follows his success in the Dylan Thomas short story competition.

As part of his prize Brennig will receive personal mentoring sessions with international bestselling author, and competition judge, Matt Haig. Brennig's story was also read on the radio by Sir Ian McKellen.

Just days after this prize, Brennig also won the won the Winston Churchill Public Speaking Cup. Brennig beat seven others in the competition which consisted of the winners from each of the eight English Speaking Union regions. Brennig's speech was based on the Winston Churchill quote "Nature never draws a line without smudging it."

Recently, Jordan Stavrakis and Dafydd Foster Davies competed in the first round of the Wales schools debating competition. We are pleased to announce that they won that round and will now go on to compete in the national round. Congratulations to them and best of luck in the next round.

Well done to them all.

KH

Jordan and Dafydd.

NEW JOB CLUB SET UP IN BARRY

THE Vale Council-led Barry Communities First is setting up a new Job Club for jobseekers aged 16-24.

The Job Club will give young people in Gibbonsdown the chance to meet others looking for work, build new contacts, share job hunting experiences and get advice on interview techniques, CVs and even volunteering opportunities.

It will meet every other Wednesday, 10am-1pm starting on November 4 at the Aberaeron Hub, Aberaeron Close, Gibbonsdown, Barry, CF62 9BT.

To be eligible to come to this Job Club, you must live in a Barry Communities First area which includes parts of Buttrills, Cadoc, Castleland, Court and Gibbonsdown.

For more information, contact on 01446 709432 or communitiesfirst@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or visit www.BarryCommunitiesFirst.org.

School's fond farewell to Alison

PICTURED (from left) Aalijah Miller, Carol Maher (school governor), Alison Edwards, Ian Williams (headteacher) and Charleigh Wheatley.

THE Oak Field Primary School Community said goodbye to a valued member of staff who has been with the school for over 20 years.

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A Bridgend Ramblers spokesman said: "Bridgend's efforts have so far been concentrated in the south of the county and we have covered nearly all the squares between Pencoed in the east and Porthcawl in the west, and also from Coytrahen to Southerndown.

"The northern half of the county needs a more concerted effort, with only sporadic squares covered in the Llynfi, Garw and Ogmore valleys. It is fair to say however, that these squares are the most challenging to cover!

"Although 110 square kilometres have been covered, Bridgend County Borough covers over 280 sq km, so there's plenty to go!

"We've also tried to enlist the support of Swansea, NPT and Vale Ramblers to connect Mumbles lighthouse to Nash Point with surveyed squares. This is a more achievable objective, with only 10 squares needing a survey. Although The Wales Coast Path connects these points, the survey also needs all paths in the square passed through to be checked.

"You don't have to be a member of ramblers to take part in the project. If you are someone who enjoys the countryside in your neighbourhood then why not take a look at the website *www.ramblers.otg.uk* to see if you can contribute.

"The Bridgend effort has already identified over 130 issues with our footpaths, varying from barbed wire obstructions, unsafe styles to totally overgrown areas where the footpath is unrecognisable and impassible. There are many challenges ahead to improve our heritage of public footpaths that we can all enjoy."

Organ recital at All Saints in Penarth

THIS coming Monday, November 2, August Guan, a talented young musician who recently became the latest organist and choirmaster at All Saints Church in Penarth, will be putting the church's organ through its paces with a programme of music especially to commemorate All Souls Day.

The All Saints organ is in need of updating, although the casual listener could be forgiven for not being aware of it. A fund has been set up to pay for what could be quite an expensive restoration.

This recital will be the third in the church's autumn season of lunchtime concerts where music lovers are invited to come along with their lunch and enjoy a pleasurable hour in this lovely church which is now a venue completely accessible to all people with disabilities.

Entry to these concerts, as always, is free, but many choose to make a donation in recognition of All Saints Church's friendly welcome and of the entertainment, freely provided.

All the All Saints lunchtime concerts start at 1pm and last approximately an hour. Hot and cold drinks are provided.

The autumn programme continues the following week (November 9) with a piano recital by Anthony Negus, conductor, opera coach, pianist and well-known Wagner specialist.

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Coastal communities receive funding boost

THE Vale Council has received a funding windfall of over £224,000 to provide an economic boost to its coastal communities.

The award has been made from the Big Lottery's Coastal Communities Fund, which aims to encourage sustainable job creation in coastal communities across the UK. The council was determined to use the money as a catalyst to boost leisure tourism in the area, and it is being spent on improving pedestrian access to Southerndown's Dunraven Bay – rebuilding the slipway that had been eroded over time by the sea.

The council has also invested in five large storage units with the capacity to securely accommodate water sport equipment such as surfboards.

Coun Lis Burnett, cabinet member for regeneration, said: "The Vale's Jurassic coastline at Southerndown is hugely popular with visitors throughout the year and is long-established as something of a surfers' paradise.

"It was felt however, that a lack of infrastructure to accommodate and encourage water sports and other recreational activities was something of a missed opportunity, and that this was hindering the potential for economic growth in the area.

"I'm very excited by these developments. Sometimes, one significant investment like this can have a domino effect in attracting new jobs and further investment."

WI members pay visit to the Senedd

ON October 19, the Cadoxton members had a fascinating insight into 'Welsh Girls in Service'.

Rosemary Scadden was the speaker and kept us all enthralled, making us appreciate mod cons.

Wednesday was the monthly outing and members had lunch at Habanas. Cadoxton and St Hilary attended an organised tour of the Senedd at the invitation of Jane Hutt AM and this was an interesting day out. Quite a busy week, which was enjoyed by all.

At the monthly meeting, the raffles were won by Beryl, Marilyn and Sara. Meetings are held third Monday of the month at 7pm at Victoria Community Centre. For more information, contact 01446 404891. **CW**

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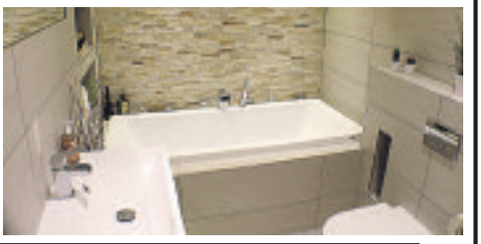

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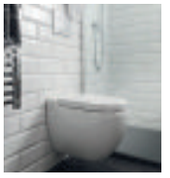

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Rotary Club and Inner Wheel raise over £400

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ABOVE: Rotary president Paul (third left) with Rotarians and guests.

ON Thursday, October 22 the Rotary Club of Barry and Inner Wheel hosted a joint international charity lunch in the Memorial Hall, Barry which raised over £400 for charity.

Speaking during the annual event, Rotary Club president Paul Halstead said that the Rotary Club were delighted to host an event with Inner Wheel and that Rotary's share of the profit would go to Shelterbox.

He thanked the general public for their continued invaluable support, making such events possible.

The next major event in the Rotary Club's programme is the annual Fireworks Fiesta on Thursday, November 5 at 7.45pm on Barry Island, to be held come rain or shine!

Continuing with their busy autumn programme, the club will also have stalls at the High Street Christmas lights switch-on at the end of November and will also be supporting the Dinas Powys Dickensian Fair in December.

Another joint event, a Christmas concert with Inner Wheel in a residential home in Barry, is also planned in December.

The Rotary Club of Barry meets weekly in the Glenbrook Inn on Thursdays at 6pm for 6.30pm. More details are available from secretary Phil Hunt on 01446 720000 or visit ribi.org.

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Bridge results

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The college looks forward to welcoming you to its Open Evenings on Tuesday, November 3 at City Centre Campus and Wednesday, November 4 at its Barry campus on Colcot Road.

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• In 2015, 82 per cent of CAVC students progressed within three months of leaving the college to either further study, university of employment.

• The college recently received a prestigious double 'Good' grading by education inspectors Estyn – testament to the quality of our education and training.

• 88 per cent of students "achieve", which is two per cent above the national comparator, and that number is increasing each year.

• Cardiff and Vale College students constantly win local, regional and national competitions – more and more each year.

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For more information about the College's November Open Evenings visit www.cavc.ac.uk/openevening

Highlight Park establishes new Neighbourhood Watch

A HIGHLIGHT PARK Neighbourhood Watch meeting established a new group on October 21.

It was attended by 45 residents and held at Barry Fire Station. The speakers included PCSO Russell Evans, station commander Carl Evans, Kris Rees of Glamorgan Voluntary Services and Ward councillors Anthony Powell and Howard Hamilton.

The guests included Vale AM Jane Hutt and Conservative Assembly candidate Ross England.

Mr England said: "Ada Flinn has done a fantastic job to get so many people interested in starting a Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

"A Neighbourhood Watch scheme will make the area even safer and make the community stronger."

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Sully U3A take a trip to Tintern

TINTERN ABBEY was recently visited by members of Sully U3A local history group.

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The superb Gothic church was begun around 1269 and was consecrated in 1301. It was closed by Henry VIII in 1536 during the first suppression of the monasteries, ending a 400-year-old way of life.

Today it is a picturesque ruin and remains the best preserved medieval abbey in Wales.

The Sully U3A local history group's next meeting will be at 2pm on Wednesday, November 4 in the Old School, South Road, Sully when memories of Sully in the 1940s and 50s will be discussed.

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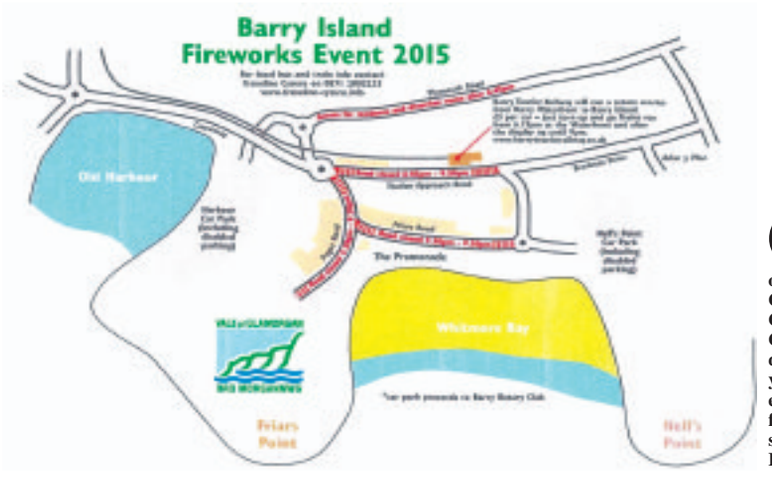

Town set to descend on Barry Island for another great night!

ONCE again, and with the collaboration of Barry Town Council and the Vale Council, the Rotary Club of Barry is delighted to bring you an exceptional evening of fun and fireworks, as we stage our 42nd Fireworks Fiesta on Thursday, November 5.

We will be holding it whatever the weather brings, except perhaps gales, so please ignore any rumours to the contrary.

Pendragon Fireworks, based here in Wales, promises that this year's display will be equally as good, if not better than the last.

Come along and enjoy yourselves in what promises to be a wonderful evening of fun, fireworks and music. The fireworks will start at 7.45pm prompt, but to avoid the last-minute rush, we suggest arriving from 6pm.

You will be able to enjoy the delights supplied by the Island traders and the Funfair before and after the main event. Parking is available in the main car parks for only £2 a vehicle. Limited disabled parking on Friars Road is also available.

We implore everyone attending to donate at least £1 into the collecting buckets, so as to assist the future funding of this event. If everyone gave at least £1, we could ensure the continuation of the event, and help deserving causes so much more.

Over the years, this has been a very popular event and traffic delays are to be expected, so where possible, please car share and consider these alternative forms of transport:

- Barry docks Station/Barry Station; park at either site and take the regular Arriva train service to Barry Island. For times visit *www.arrivatrain-swales.co.uk* or ring 08457 484950.
- Hood Road train service; the Barry Tourist Railway will be operating a park and ride service from Hood Road Station, The Waterfront to Barry Island Station from 6pm to 9pm.

Our club apologises to the Island residents for any inconvenience caused during the road closure period (5.30pm-10pm).

PAUL HALSTEAD,
PRESIDENT
ROTARY CLUB OF BARRY

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER, SECTION 16A ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

BARRY ISLAND - FIREWORKS

THURSDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2015

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Schedule 1

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Thursday 5th November 2015	**Paget Road** between Harbour Road and its cul de sac end near the lifeguard station including the un-named section of road to the side of No19 Paget Road (excluding the lane). **Station Approach Road** throughout the length, including its gyratory of the roundabout at Whites Corner. **Breaksea Drive** from its western junction with Adar-y-Mor to its junction with Station Approach Road. **Friars Road,** between its junction with Station Approach Road and Paget Road	5.30pm-10pm

Schedule 2

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Thursday 5th November 2015	**Barry Suburb - Westward Rise, Porth-Y-Castell, Bron A Welon, Tan-Y- Fron, Min-Y-Mo'r, Pen-Y-Bryn, Marine Drive, Trem-Y-Don, Swn-Y-Mor, Cliff Wood View, Bull Cliff Walk. Nells Point Barry Island - Clos Yr Wylan, Pioden For and Clos Yr Fulfran**	5.00pm-9.00pm

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BOND IS BACK...
and Spectre certainly delivers the goods!

by GARETH JAMIESON
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WHEN James Bond celebrated his 50th anniversary in 2012, the release of *Skyfall* meant that there was more than just the usual level of interest in Britain's finest cinematic export.

A global box office of over $1 billion later, and *Skyfall* went from being another Bond film to a phenomenon in its own right.

With star Daniel Craig and director Sam Mendes returning, Bond's latest outing, *Spectre*, comes with the weight of expectation as the events of *Skyfall* are further explored. A cryptic message from the past leads Craig's Bond to Mexico City and Rome.

When he infiltrates a secret meeting, 007 uncovers the existence of the sinister organisation Spectre, and along with Madeleine Swann (Lea Seydoux), he discovers a connection between himself and Oberhauser (Christoph Waltz), the man he seeks...

It's clear from *Spectre's* opening, a bravura tracking shot set amidst Mexico's Day of the Dead celebrations, that Sam Mendes and company aren't resting on any laurels.

If that film set the bar for Bond openings, then *Spectre* raises it, a wonderful set-piece that sets the tone for what follows in a film that acts as both a round-up of the Craig-era adventures of 007 and a wonderful entry in the overall canon.

The tone of the Daniel Craig's era as Bond has been realism, grounding the character emotionally and delivering stories that reflect the society we live in today. With *Spectre's* plot of a global terrorist group working amongst us, and with a sub-plot surrounding surveillance and the necessity (or lack of) in basing decisions on computer, rather than human, judgement, the film is certainly steeped in realism.

Yet there is also a lightness of touch present, a dash of Roger Moore to add to the Sean Connery stoicism we've seen so far.

For Bond aficionados there are plenty of callbacks to previous entries to the series, and it's a pleasure to see the film, having used previous outings to retool the character, embrace what has gone before, whether it's a train-set fight that nods to *From Russia With Love*, to little subtle throwbacks to all eras.

However, this isn't just a film content to riff on past glories. Mendes' direction is superb, stylish and cool with a keen eye for an action sequence, while Craig's Bond seems to be allowing a little more light into his personality, whether it's his relationship with Q (the excellent Ben Whishaw) or in the few well-timed quips he's afforded.

That said, he does action and seriousness superbly well, and if this is his last outing as 007 (which is unlikely), then he is certainly leaving the series having established himself as being up there with the best.

Dave Bautista's henchman is all physicality, little personality, while Lea Seydoux may be a Bond girl with a bit more substance, but her character feels more like a plot device than an actual character, despite the actress doing her best with flimsy characterisation.

Ralph Fiennes enjoys his first outing at M, butting heads with the sly Denbigh (Andrew Scott) over the aforementioned subplot of the human touch versus the judgement of technology, while Christoph Waltz relishes the chance to attack a Bond villain with great gusto.

It seems Waltz was born to be a Bond villain, but his performance has a pleasing feel to it, the actor delivering a little personality behind the megalomaniac cliché.

While the plot is engaging, it does feel like it runs out of legs towards the end, as plot contrivance takes over, while the whole angle of Bond having a relationship with Oberhauser is strangely written and predictable, especially given the final reveal which, should you have read any rumours about the film, won't be all that earth-shattering, but does place the final piece in re-establishing Bond conventions since *Casino Royale*.

With a sense of finality about the conclusion (although the credits affirm that, as expected, 'James Bond will return...') and the tropes of Bond lore now fully coalesced, it will be exciting to see what is next for 007. In the meantime, however, you'll be more than entertained by *Spectre*, a sparkling, if slightly flawed, adventure for Bond.

VERDICT: Classic Bond retooled for the 21st century, *Spectre* is wonderfully entertaining and satisfying entry in the James Bond series. Craig, Waltz and Fiennes are superb, the film looks absolutely beautiful and delivers on spectacle, and even if there are a few flaws, it's still a superb effort. *Recommended*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Skyfall* (2012), *Mission: Impossible – Rogue Nation* (2015).

Remembrance concert to remember!

ON Saturday, November 7 All Saints' Church, Barry is the venue for a special choral concert to commemorate VE, VJ Day and the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

On their third visit to All Saints', Amici will be performing a mixed programme including the Fauré Requiem.

This small, perfectly formed choral group has gathered a loyal following over the last three years at All Saints' with a number of the group performing for the Queen earlier this year.

For this special concert Amici will be joined by James Bull, the new resident organist of All Saints' Church.

The concert commences at 6.30pm with doors opening at 6pm.

Tickets can be purchased on the door and are £8 adults and £2 for children. Refreshments and raffle will be available during the interval.

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Carols at the Castle

Tŷ Hafan is bringing some festive sparkle to Cardiff Castle for its Christmas carol concert on Thursday, November 26.

Starting at 6pm, the public can enjoy an evening of traditional carols and contemporary choirs at one of the most well-known landmarks in Wales.

Visitors can feast on a selection of festive treats in a Dickensian market and indulge in some Christmas shopping at local craft stalls selling handmade gifts and cards for family and friends.

The evening will finish with a stunning firework display in the unique castle setting in the heart of the city centre.

Lauren Sadler, Tŷ Hafan's marketing and events coordinator, said: "Carols at the Castle will be a fantastic way to get into the festive spirit while raising funds to support life-limited children and their families from across Wales."

The concert has been kindly supported by Arriva Trains Wales.

Doors will open at 6pm and the first performance will start at 6.30pm. A limited number of tickets are available and are £10 for adults, £5 for children, and can be purchased online at www. tyhafan.org/carols-at-the-castle or in selected Tŷ Hafan shops.

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Out and About with The GEM

Snap up a prize!

'Who said I'm too old?' by Meirwen Jones from Caerphilly.

AGE CYMRU is asking amateur photographers to capture and complete the theme 'it's good to grow older because...' with the chance of winning £100 in high street vouchers.

"Grab that camera or phone and send us a picture you've taken capturing why you believe it's good to grow older in Wales," said Sarah Price, Age Cymru's engagement support coordinator.

"Our 'age positive' message celebrates the contribution older people have made and continue to make to our communities. There's a separate category for under-16s."

'Who said I'm too old?' by Meirwen Jones and 'Family Traditions' by Joel Dixon were last year's winning entries.

Could you be the next Age Cymru photography competition winner? Submit your 'age positive' images by midnight on Friday, November 6.

To enter simply visit www.agecymru.org.uk/agepositive to download an entry form or email agepositive@agecymru.org.uk or call 029 2043 1555.

WHAT'S ON, WHERE AND WHEN IN YOUR AREA?

Valeways walks

ON Sunday, November 1 at 2.30pm, 'Groynes and Gannets', starting at the car park opposite the Blue Anchor pub.

On Tuesday, November 3 at 10am, Crwydro, Ynys Y Barri, Coffee Cove Cafe. Also on November 3 at 2.30pm, the coffee shop strollers meet at Llantwit Major outside the town hall.

On Wednesday, November 4, at 10.30am, the coffee shop strollers meet at Romilly Cafe, Cold Knap, Barry.

On Saturday, November 7 at 10am, 'In and around Cosmeston', starting outside the visitor centre at Cosmeston Country Park.

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On Sunday, November 8 at 11am, 'Walk and click', starting at the main beach car park, Ogmore By Sea (fee payable).

On Monday, November 9 at 11am, 'Promenade and Parks' starting at Penarth cliff top car park.

On Wednesday, November 11 at 10.30am, the coffee shop strollers meet at Cosmeston Country Park visitor centre.

On Thursday, November 12 at 10.30am, 'Through the Valley', starting at Ogmore's Portabello car park GR 875765.

On Sunday, November 15 at 1pm, 'Around the Bay, 5-6 miles' starting at Cardiff Barrage car park (fee payable).

On Tuesday, November 17 at 2.30pm, the coffee shop strollers meet at Llanwit Major outside the town hall.

Also on November 17 at 10am, Crwydro, Y Bontfaen, Llyfrgell.

The coffee shop strollers also meet on Wednesday, November 18 at 10.30am at Romilly Cafe, Cold Knap, Barry.

On Sunday, November 22 at 10.30am, 'Rediscover Ramble', starting at the natural burial ground, A48 west of Culverhouse Cross.

On Wednesday, November 25 at 10.30am, the coffee shop strollers meet at Cosmeston Country Park visitor centre.

On Thursday, November 26 at 10am, 'To the duck pond', starting at the Sycamore Tree pub, Colwinston.

On Sunday, November 29 at 2pm, 'Walking the parks' starting at Penarth cliff top car park.

Railway Society

BARRY and Penarth Railway Society will hold a lecture on Thursday, October 29 at the Conservative Club, Penarth.

The subject is, 'On the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe – Rambles in Western USA in the 1980s and 1990s', at 7.30pm. Small donation required on the door, all welcome.

Ira Sankey, the man and his songs

HOREB Chapel at Dinam Close, Nantymoel CF32 7PU invites you to come and learn about the life of Ira D Sankey, gospel singer and composer (1840 – 1908) on Thursday, October 29 at 6pm.

For further information call Pastor Chris Bluto on 01443 675424 or chris_bluto@yahoo.co.uk.

Rhoose and District History Society

A TALK on the St Fagan's archive collection, given by Lowri Jenkins, will take place on Friday, October 30, at 7.30pm in the rear hall of Rhoose Community Centre, Stewart Road.

Tickets on the door: £1 adult, 50p child (under 16).

CAMRA beer festival

THE weekend of October 31 at Barry West End Club sees the CAMRA autumn beer festival, with selected beers £2. Free music on Sunday with salsa band Entaya, starting 4.30pm.

For more information call 07471 195218.

Free tax advice

CITIZENS Advice Bureau, Bridgend, will hold a free tax advice session on November 13 and at Pencoed Library on December 2.

TaxHelp for Older People (TOP) advice is also available at Roz Couzens' Chiropody Surgery, Unit 4, Commercial House, Commercial Street, Lalntwit Major CF61 1RB on November 2 from 10am to midday.

For TOP's helpline, call 0845 601 3321, or 01308 488066. Home visits can also be arranged via this helpline for people unable to attend.

Evening of Mediumship

BARRY National Spiritualist Church and Centre at Buttrills Road, Barry CF62 8EF presents an evening of Mediumship with Leah Bond on Monday, November 2 at 7pm. £5 on the door.

Advice from Care and Repair

GIVING advice at the Senior Health Shop, Barry will be Care and Repair in The Vale, which can help older homeowners and private tenants adapt and maintain their homes and give advice on grants available; they will also advise on reputable companies to use.

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale is holding the information session on Tuesday, November 3 at Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry from 10am – 12 midday. No appointment needed. Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Equity release

AGE CONNECTS Cardiff and Vale is holding an equity release advice session at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, on Tuesday, November 3 (10am-12pm). Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Cowbridge History Society

THE society's next lecture, *Roman Catholics in South Wales in An Age of Persecution, 1603-1689*, by Dr Robert Matthews, will take place on November 6 at 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall of Cowbridge Town Hall. All are welcome.

Shadows Club

ON November 10 at 8pm, the South Wales Shadows Club meets at the Conservative Club, Stanwell Road, Penarth (02920 309979); all welcome.

Steel Magnolias in Dinas Powys

THE Dinas Powys Players' next show is *Steel Magnolias* under the direction of Eileen Carryer at the Parish Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys on November 12 – 14.

For tickets telephone 02920 512868 or 02921 406168.

Religious exhibition

THE Church of the Blessed Virgin, Holton Road, Barry presents 'Brian Power – Stations of the Cross', in memory of Richard Power, upon whose designs they are based.

Saturday, November 14, 1.30pm–5pm and Sunday, November 15 12 noon–4pm; Tuesday, November 17 10.30am–3pm.

Profits to be shared equally between the parishes of Cadoxton-Juxta-Barry, Sudbourne with Orford and the Thomas Marshal Memorial Fund.

Autumn lunch for charity

ON Saturday, November 21 at 12.30pm, an autumn lunch takes place at the Hi-Tide Inn, Porthcawl, to support Cancer Research UK.

Tickets (£8) from Diane Jones on 01656 784762, Winn Roberts on 01656 782880 or Sue Sharp on 01656 773670.

White Lady guards pot full of gold

Review by Brian Lee

RICHARD HOLLAND'S *South Wales Ghost Stories*, published by Bradwell Books at £3.99, has chapters on Haunted Castles, Mysterious Monuments, Haunted Hostelries and much more besides.

Featured in the first catergory are Ogmore (Castell Ogwr) and St Donat's, and this little pocket book would make an ideal Hallowe'en present – if there is such a thing.

Ogmore Castle is haunted by the White Lady who guards "a pot full of gold coins concealed beneath the floor of one of the castle's towers," while St Donat's is home to the ghost of Lady Stradling and a few other bizarre spooks, including Matilda of the Night, who once arrogantly proclaimed: "If I cannot hunt in heaven, I would rather not go there."

A traitorous pirate who was murdered by his own crew is said to haunt the beach below the castle walls.

He was buried up to his neck and left struggling vainly as the tide came in.

As for Cardiff Castle, that is haunted by the second Marquess of Bute, who died suddenly in 1848 after a dinner party. The ghost of a young woman in a long trailing gown has also been seen, but we are told that her identity is a mystery!

The author has researched and written about British ghosts and folklore, and the wider field of the supernatural for more than 20 years.

He has also lectured and broadcast widely on these subjects, appearing as a guest contributor to many TV and radio programmes.

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We're offering two free tickets worth over £50 for the Sunday 22nd November 12-3pm tasting.

To enter, simply email competitions@jamjar-pr.co.uk by midday on Friday November 13th.

For more information about the event, visit
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'SUGAR TAX PLAN IS HAREBRAINED' – SAYS REGIONAL AM

WITH the news that celebrity chef Jamie Oliver is ready 'for a fight' with the UK government over reports that plans for a 'Sugar Tax' have been shelved, Welsh Conservative AM for South West Wales Dr Altaf Hussain has described calls to introduce the tax – led in Wales by Plaid Cymru – as "hare-brained".

The doctor-turned-politician has also expressed concerns that the tax may impact disproportionately upon some of the most vulnerable families, and describes it as a "regressive tax".

While on a tour of facilities at 'Y Bont' Family Centre in Bridgend – which caters for the needs of children with disabilities and their families – the regional AM was impressed by visual displays teaching children about healthy diets from a very young age, and says that this approach should be adopted in all venues where children and parents come to play and learn.

Dr Hussain said: "It boils down to education. It is about ensuring our youngsters pick up good habits from an early age, and are exposed as much as possible to the concept of a healthy and balanced diet.

"This will lead to a reduction in overall demand for sugary snacks and drinks, meaning less get produced as the market for these products shrinks and eating habits change.

"In fact, the overall amount of sugar we consume as a nation has been falling for a while.

"Attempting to coerce people's diets through a regressive tax could hit the least well-off the hardest.

"It may not in fact change peoples' behaviour when it comes to buying fizzy drinks and sweets.

"Moreover, the effect could be that some groups continue to buy these products and then compensate by buying cheaper, poorer-quality products in other areas of their diet.

"This could lead to an increased consumption of fast foods and ready meals, which may be perceived as more affordable. As such, there could be further implications for public health not fully considered by those who would advocate a 'sugar tax'.

"This really is a hare-brained idea and seems to be more about the public profile of Mr Oliver than about changing our dietary habits for the long-term. This is best achieved through education and awareness."

372 (Barry) Squadron learn archery skills

THE Air Cadets of 372 (Barry) Squadron are looking forward to taking part in target archery after being awarded £1,150 from the Sports Wales community grant scheme.

Target archery is the most popular form of archery, in which members shoot at stationary circular targets at varying distances and is practiced indoor and outdoor. The grant has paid for equipment to improve the number of archery opportunities, as well as to pay for two members of staff to become qualified archery instructors.

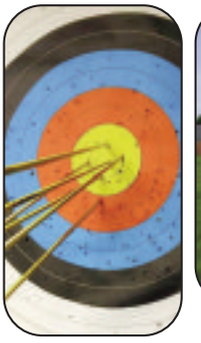
So far the cadets have enthusiastically taken to the sport, learning the basics in a short space of time. Because of the large safety zone required, the cadets have been supported by *HMS Cambria*, who have allowed the cadets to use their indoor and outdoor facilities.

Cadet Harriet McCarthy said: "Archery is so cool, I really enjoyed myself. I wasn't sure if I could hit the target but with a little practice I was fine. I can't wait to have another go".

Commanding Officer, Flight Lieutenant Jason Horton said: "This grant brings another great activity for the cadets to experience and more variety to our sports programme. I am always keen for the cadets to improve their fitness and increased participation in sport".

The Air Cadets also undertake many exciting activities, challenges and opportunities which include flying, gliding, shooting, sports, adventure training, team building exercises, expeditions, visits and field craft training.

If you have a spirit for adventure, 372 Squadron has vacancies for boys and girls between 13-18 years old. The Squadron parade on Mondays and Wednesdays, 7pm – 9.30pm behind Adams Funeral Parlour (by the Memorial Hall) or you can contact the Squadron on 01446 747734 or email oc.372@aircadets.org or visit www.372squadron.org for more information.



Mo Hughes' target.

Sean Hodges takes aim.

Tash Gill.

Clothes sale for Age Concern

AGE CONNECTS Cardiff and Vale is holding a clothes sale at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, on Saturday, November 7 with free admission, from 10am to 12 midday.

There will a wide range of new and nearly new men's, ladies and children's clothing at very reasonable prices. Refreshments will be available and there will be a raffle.

All proceeds of the clothes sale will be for Age Connects Senior Health Shop in Barry.

Donations are welcome and can be given in to the shop. Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

YMCA's Rugby World Cup raffle

OUR Rugby World Cup raffle at the YMCA charity store in Broad Street will be drawn on November 2, at 1pm at the store.

There will be light refreshments and the staff would love to meet and see all our customers new and old, and invite them to attend this successful event.

The prize is a line and wash painting of the Millennium Stadium, by local professional artist Frank Collict.

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Christmas Party Guide

Whatever the reason – the Christmas party season is all about fun

THERE are so many reasons for dining out at Christmas – and every one offers a great chance to improve your sense of wellbeing by relaxing in good company as the festive season gets well and truly into its stride.

The occasion might be an office party, or a family get-together, perhaps a Christmas event for a voluntary group or charity – or it might simply be a chance for good friends to go out and talk about the past year, and about their hopes for the future.

The choice doesn't stop at the type of group who are getting together. Where you go, what you do and which style of food you opt for extends the options still further.

Readers who live within The GEM's circulation area have so much choice that the only difficulty is deciding how to choose where to go.

The explosion of cuisine from all around the world has transformed dining in the area, and it sometimes seems as if the only nationalities unrepresented are Eskimo and Outer Mongolia!

It needn't just be food of course. There are plenty of other factors to take into account as well.

Heading for a town or city where there are other attractions to extend the evening is always popular. The choice includes live entertainment, clubbing, 10-pin bowling, a trip to a show or a film, or simply finding a great place to eat that encourages its clientele to stay on and relax after their meal.

But equally, the chance to head for a country pub and enjoy a fun evening where group members don't wander off in different directions is another very popular idea.

There was a time when rural pubs were simply not set up for seasonal dining. Rooms tended to be small and pokey (oops, I meant to say 'intimate') but times have changed and now they know what their market wants and needs, and they make sure that they can supply.

Popular venues have added extensions, created larger rooms, perhaps even a semi-permanent marquee that makes them much more flexible.

Offering that little bit extra is important these days, and many country pubs, for instance, can arrange transport for a visiting party, so that the hassle of choosing designated drivers is removed from the equation.

It is very much a case these days of 'power to the party people'. The days when fuddy duddy establishments dictated what diners could do are long gone.

Of course, this vast increase of options means that the poor person saddled with the task of organiser can end up tearing his or her hair out trying to get a consensus, but once a decision has been made, that is the time for everyone to focus on the most positive aspect of any seasonal get-together – the chance to enjoy the company of friends and take a break from the everyday hassles of life.

It's become a joke these days that many people pour themselves a glass of wine at the end of a stressful day.

As with many jokes, there's more than a kernel of truth in it, and that is what makes festive outings so special.

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WELLY WALK AT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The money raised will be sent to Bobath Children's Centre's therapy unit in Cardiff, which provides specialist care for children in Wales with cerebral palsy. They provide physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy.

Cutting Edge group commemorates First World War soldiers

Isobelle Davis.

EARLY in 2015 the Cutting Edge Textile Group, which meets in Ystradowen, Cowbridge were issued with a challenge to make a quilt to commemorate the First World War.

A spokeswoman said: "As expected many rose to the challenge and in October the completed quilts were revealed. And, we were not disappointed – they are stunning, and a fitting tribute to those who fought and lost their lives. The quilts can be viewed at *tinyurl.com/ww-quilts*.

"However, you will be able to see the quilts between November 3 and 15 when they will be displayed in various shop windows on Cowbridge High Street.

"The shops who have generously given their support and will be displaying our quilts include: The Barbers Cowbridge; Beauty Within; Costa Coffee; David Barnes Dry Cleaners and Ty Hafan Emporium.

"We would like to take this opportunity to thank them. We couldn't have shared our work with such a wide audience without them!

"We would also like to thank the Cutting Edge members who took part to help make this display so memorable."

We hope that you enjoy viewing the quilts. We would welcome your feedback – you can do this by Googling Cutting Edge Textile Group and leaving a comment on our blog.

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Keris Howard.

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Local school could win new football kit at the Co-op

A COWBRIDGE primary school could win a new set of football kits from The Co-operative food store.

Launching on Saturday, October 31, customers of the store in Cowbridge, will be given a token each time they buy something, giving them an opportunity to vote for one of three local primary schools; Ysgol Iolo Morganwg, Y Bont Faen and Llanfair Primary School.

The initiative runs until the close of business on Sunday, November 8, and the school with the most votes will score a full set of football kits, 15 navy blue strips, one goalkeeper kit, and a kit bag.

The two runners-up will each receive some Co-op vouchers to put towards a raffle prize or Christmas party treat.

For further information, pop in to the Co-operative food store in High Street, Cowbridge.

WI learn about chalk painting

THIS month's Bont Faen WI meeting was a demonstration of chalk painting by No 39, the new shop on the High Street.

Sarah Legg showed us how easy and quick it was to cover old and shabby wood. While she was painting, Maggie Cooper described the process and showed us samples of fabric printing with a roller which could just as easily be applied to a wall, especially uneven walls in older properties.

Sarah painted an old occasional table that had a leather top and a slat of wood for coat hooks. The first old and varnished, the second untreated wood. The painting was the same.

Sarah then showed us how to buff it with polish. Members were impressed at how easy it all looked. We just needed the confidence!

We then went on to the business. We have a busy month ahead. November 5 is a trip to the bay for tenpin bowling.

We have a craft night upstairs in the Duke of Wellington on the 11th, when we will be making the decorations for this year's Christmas tree. Finally we are going to Bath on the 28th for the Christmas market.

Two of our members went on the federation walking weekend to Lulworth and Diana Bluck gave a glowing account of the whole thing.

We welcomed some new faces and have five new members. Next month David Jenkins will be giving a talk on this year as High Sheriff on Thursday, November 19 at the Lesser Hall at 8pm.

MP

ADMIRAL NELSON – Flawed in love, a genius in war

AN enforced change of speaker resulted in U3A Cowbridge members being entertained by Dr Malcolm Puntis, who gave a comprehensive account of the life and loves of Admiral Nelson.

The future hero was born in 1758, one of 11 children, and christened Horace (he changed his name to Horatio around 1777 – this is when it is first used in official documentation).

His father and grandfather were clergymen, as was a brother, but he, despite being a weakly youth, was sent to sea, where he promptly suffered from seasickness.

Dr Puntis charted Nelson's early naval career, where his rise from midshipman to Post Captain over eight years was punctuated by bouts of serious illness, probably recurring malaria, which was contracted in the East Indies.

There were romantic interludes with several ladies, including 16-year-old Mary Simpson, with whom Nelson was said to be infatuated, but it was to the widow Frances (Fanny) Nisbet that he was married in 1787. Prince William Henry gave the bride away and signed as a witness.

The French Revolution was soon followed by war between France and Great Britain, which gave Nelson the opportunity to shine as a man of action.

He lost the sight of his right eye at the siege of Calvi when stones and grit were thrown into it as a cannon ball struck a nearby rock.

Contrary to popular belief, Nelson never wore a patch over the eye; there was no obvious damage to it, apart from pupil dilation. The Battle of St Vincent (1797) enhanced his reputation, but later that year he was shot in the arm at Santa Cruz, which resulted in an amputation above the elbow.

A further injury was sustained in 1798 at the Battle of the Nile, when a blow to his head caused a laceration which bled profusely. A flap of skin fell over his left eye, making Nelson think he had been blinded.

After his victory on the Nile, the Admiral went to Naples to recuperate. It was there that he met Emma Hamilton, wife of Sir William, the British Ambassador to Naples. They soon fell in love and their affair seems to have been tolerated, and perhaps even encouraged, by the elderly Sir William, whose own health was now failing and who longed for retirement.

Hamilton showed nothing but admiration and respect for Nelson, and vice versa. Emma Hamilton and Horatio Nelson admired each other to the point of adulation.

Nelson accompanied the Hamiltons on an overland trip back to Great Britain.

A daughter, Horatia, born in 1801, was conceived on the journey. Later in the same year, at the Battle of Copenhagen, Nelson famously, when ordered by signal flags to discontinue the action, lifted his telescope up to his blind eye and said: "I really do not see the signal".

Nelson left his wife and purchased a house called Merton Place. There he lived openly with Emma and Sir William in a ménage à trois that fascinated the public.

Sir William died in 1803. Nelson continued to live in the house with Emma and Horatia, until he left in September 1805 for Portsmouth, whence he departed for victory and death in the Battle of Trafalgar.

The story of the romance of Horatio Nelson and Emma Hamilton lives on, two people described by contemporaries as a man whose "general appearance was that of an idiot, until he spoke," and "the fattest woman I've ever laid eyes on".

Next Meeting: a talk entitled: 'Sydney Opera House", by Prof Richard Weston, at 2pm on Wednesday, November 11 in Cowbridge Town Hall. Visitors welcome (there is a small fee, which includes refreshments).

SPM

Women war artists are focus of talk

ON Thursday, November 5, Cowbridge Art Society welcomes Rosemary Chanoller who will give an illustrated presentation on 'Women War Artists – from World War One to the Falklands conflict.'

The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge, 7pm– 9 pm, and visitors and new members are most welcome.

For details of the society's activities see www.cowbridgeartsociety.com.

Abigail's a real sharp-shooter

Abigail with her medals.

THERE'S a touch of Annie Oakley about 11-year-old Abigail Wilson-Wood – after all, she proved to be a real sharp-shooter the first time she tried the sport.

Abigail, who went to Llanfair Primary School and is now in her first year at Cowbridge Comprehensive, went along with fellow Girl Scouts to a shooting competition open to all scouts in Cardiff and the Vale.

They were tested on pistol shooting and rifle shooting, with around 80 girls taking part.

Abigail took to it like a duck to water and won a gold medal in rifle and a bronze medal in pistol.

Penarth Hockey Club round-up

PENARTH Hockey Club conceded its first points in GoCrea8 league competition this season, but there was no stopping the first XI, who rolled into top spot with another crushing victory.

PENARTH 11, CIRENCESTER 0

After back-to-back top of the table clashes, Penarth returned home to face a Cirencester side languishing towards the wrong end of the De Cymru & The Marches 1 table.

A last-minute withdrawal by Laith El-Khatib meant a slight change in formation. Captain Tom Haran moved from defence into a holding midfield role, freeing Croxall to play a more attacking game, and it was a fruitful decision from the start as the player-coach proved to be an early protagonist, displaying his attacking skills as he tormented the away defence.

Unsurprisingly, it was not long before Croxall got the scoring underway, picking the ball up on the left, before cutting inside to beat the defence and striking the ball high into the net as the Cirencester keeper got his angles all wrong.

Penarth continued to dominate as they set up camp in Cirencester's half. After a string of saves, the visitors' goal was breached for a second time as Croxall again fired high into the net, this time on his trusted reverse side.

Although Penarth led 2-0 at the break, in all honesty they should have been well out of sight with the amount of chances created. They started the second half in scintillating form, with Rhys Evans immediately grabbing the third goal after some tidy work by Chris Baker that left the keeper in no man's land.

Just as predicted, Cirencester's spirit broke, and a further three quick-fire goals followed as Penarth blew away the visitors in a second half blitz.

Penarth knew it was their day when Haran managed to get his name on the scoresheet, converting the home side's first penalty corner of the game with a straight strike from the top of the 'D' that even broke the ball!

Penarth were relentless to the last, with Jonny Moore getting on the end of a goal-line scramble as the final whistle blew to end the game 11-0 in the home side's favour.

WHITCHURCH 'E' 2, PENARTH 'A' 5

Despite their respective positions in De Cymru 2, Penarth knew they were in for a hard game.

Midway through the first half, and against the run of play, an aerial from captain Matthew Birch cleared both the midfield and defence before finding Chris Mccarthy in the opposition 'D'. A quick one-two with James Kidby returned the ball to McCarthy, and he finally broke the deadlock, slotting home as the goalkeeper rushed out.

The goal didn't dampen Whitchurch spirits, however, and the home side continued to keep possession. A mazy run from Jones eventually created Penarth's second goal, the half-back drifting past two Whitchurch players before finding Dave Watkins, who crashed the ball into the left corner.

To their credit, Whitchurch kept attacking and, after winning a number of penalty corners, finally made their pressure pay with a well-worked routine to make it 2-1. The Bears were to make it 3-1 not long after the interval when Kidby got his reward for an afternoon of hard work as a 50-yard pass from centre back Jamie Davidson found Birch in the top left corner, and a short reverse pass allowed Kidby to round the keeper and slot the ball home.

Even this didn't kill Whitchurch off, however, as the home side were to score next, making it 3-2. With 25 minutes to go, Penarth finally took control of the game and started creating chances from almost every attack.

With Birch now having the freedom of the pitch and Richard Bromiley orchestrating from the stands, a move which began at the back and passed through the entire team ended with Watkins beating two defenders and the keeper to finally sink a determined Whitchurch side.

Penarth put the game beyond doubt soon after as McCarthy netting his second on another break, cutting in from the right and linking up with Kidby for another one-two before firing into the far corner.

PENARTH 'B' 0, SWANSEA CITY 'C' 6

Due to unavailability, an injury to the influential Dave Thomas and the last-minute withdrawal of the previous week's man-of-the-match, Morgan Salisbury - again due to injury - Penarth's third XI began their game against Swansea C with the bare 11 players.

To make matters worse, James Kerr-Smith was injured early in the game, reducing the home side to 10 plus one walking wounded, and it was perhaps unsurprising that the hosts found themselves 4-0 down at half-time.

Although they rallied in the second half, spurred on by the combative Rob Harrison and Ian Smith, the Vale side eventually ended up on the wrong end of a 6-0 scoreline against a better team stocked with a combination of experienced veterans and talented youngsters.

This weekend sees both first and second XIs facing opposition from Llanishen & Caerphilly, with the senior side travelling to take on the rivals while the Seconds return to Stanwell school looking to cement top spot in their division as they entertain the opposition's 'B' side. The third XI, meanwhile, has an early start at the dangerous Gwent 'B' in an important middle-of-the-table clash in De Cymru 3.

Penarth Hockey Club's training takes place on Wednesdays at Stanwell School, with the juniors on the pitch between 6.15pm-7.15pm and the seniors between 7.15pm-8.15pm.

Anyone interested in joining the club at senior or youth level can contact either player-coach Ben Croxall (b_croxall20@yahoo.co.uk) or club secretary Dave Stevens (d_stevens81@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.

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Barry & District leagues and results

CRIB DIVISION 1:

West End 9, West End Runaways 6; Moors Boys 6, Rhoose Social 9; Wyndham Cons 5, Cadoxton Cons 10.

League table: West End 51, Wyndham Cons 48, West End Runaways 47, Cadoxton Cons 46, Rhoose Social 45, Liberals 44, Moors Boys 34.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

Rhoose Social A 5, Rhoosters 2; LiberalsA 5.5, Slammers 1.5; Barries Boys 6, Allsorts 1; Cambrian Flyers 0, Liberals C 7; West End D 3, SeaView B 4; Rhoose Social C 1, King William XII 6; West End C 4, Rhoose Social B 3.

League table: Sea View B 35, Rugby Club 27, King William XII 20.5, Rhoose Social B 20.5, Slammers 19, West End C 19, Liberals A 18, West End D 18, Rhoose Social A 18, Barries Boys 17, Allsorts 16, Liberals C 14, Rhoosters 13, Cambrian Flyers 11, Rhoose Social C 7.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Market Street C 3, Cadoxton Cons Z 2; Wyndham Cons A 3, Rhoose Social C 2; Savoy A 4, West End C 1; Cadoxton Cons B 5, Rhoose Social B 0; CaddyAllstars 0, Harbour B 5.

League table: Harbour B 28, Savoy A 23, Cadoxton Cons B 17, Wyndham Cons A 16, West End C 15, Rhoose Social C 15, Caddy Allstars 13, Market Street C 12, Rhoose Social B 12 Penarth Cons B 10, *Cadoxton Cons Z 10.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

Wyndham Cons C 1, Savoy B 4; Services Social B 2, Cadoxton Cons A 3; Wyndham Cons D 2, West End B 3; Market Street B 3, Sully Sports A 2; West End A 0, Liberators 5.

League table: Liberators 28, Savoy B 18, Market Street B 17, Penarth Cons A 17, Services Social B 16, Cadoxton Cons A 16, Wyndham Cons C 14, West End B 13, Sully Sports A 11, West End A 10, Wyndham Cons D 10 (* = points deducted).

All league & cup fixtures and results at www.barryleagues.co.uk or on Facebook - search for 'barry leagues'.

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THE BARRY & DISTRICT MENS SKITTLE LEAGUE

DIVISION 1:

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Abercrete (R.Miller 34) 305, Exiles (K.Tudor 28) 270; Park Lads (I.Mason 32) 273, 'H' Bells (T.Mullins, B.Webb 27) 259; The Royalists (L.Sheppard 29) Tynewydd Lads (D.Kerslake 29) 282; Tynewydd Lads (S.Germon 30) 272, Tynny Fliers (G.Hobbs 29) 292; Willie Wombles (J.Norris 29) 295, Park Rangers (G.Owen 33) 287; Witchill Poachers (S.Rogers 45) 340, Cannon Balls (I.Forsyth 35) 367.

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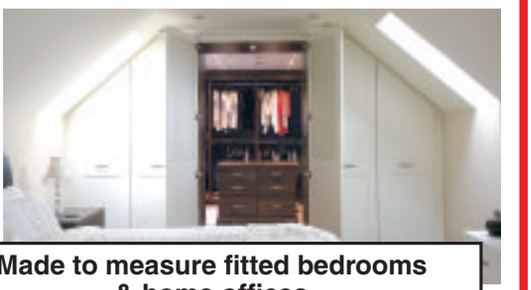

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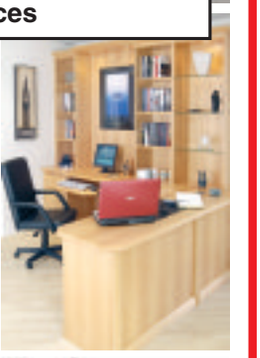

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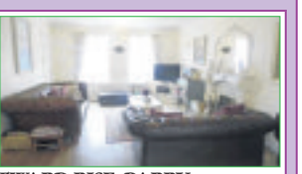

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NEW

BASSETT STREET, BARRY
• MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
• THROUGH LIVING ROOM
• KITCHEN/BREAKFAST
• TWO BEDROOMS
• SPACIOUS FAM. BATHROOM
• IN NEED OF MODERNISATION
• NO CHAIN
• ER=TBA
£80,000

NEW

EVELYN STREET, BARRY
• MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
• IN NEED OF MODERNISATION
• TWO REC. ROOMS
• KITCHEN
• GROUND FLR. BATHROOM
• THREE BEDROOMS
• NO CHAIN
• ER = D
£84,950

NEW

DANIEL STREET, BARRY
• 3 BEDROOMS
• THROUGH LOUNGE/DINER
• LOW MAINTENANCE GARDEN
• END TERRACE PROPERTY
• NO CHAIN
• INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY
• ER = E
£85,000

NEW

RICHARD STREET, BARRY
• MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
• THROUGH LIVING ROOM
• FITTED KITCHEN
• TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
• 1ST FLR. BATHROOM
• ORIGINAL FEATURES
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
• NO CHAIN
• ER=E
£95,500

NEW

BASSETT STREET, BARRY
• MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
• TWO REC. ROOMS
• FITTED KITCHEN
• GROUND FLR. BATHROOM
• THREE BEDROOMS
• NO CHAIN
• CLOSE TO ALL AMENITIES
• ER=E
£99,950

NEW

LEE ROAD, BARRY
• MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
• THROUGH LIVING ROOM
• DOWNSTAIRS BATHROOM
• TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
• WELL PRESENTED THROUGHOUT
• IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY
• VIEWING ESSENTIAL
• ER=D
104,950

DAVID STREET, BARRY
• MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
• THROUGH LIVING ROOM
• DOWNSTAIRS BATHROOM
• TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
• WELL PRESENTED THROUGHOUT
• IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY
• VIEWING ESSENTIAL
• ER=D
£99,950

MERTHYR STREET, BARRY
• WELL PRESENTED MID TERRACED
• THROUGH LIVING ROOM
• FITTED KITCHEN
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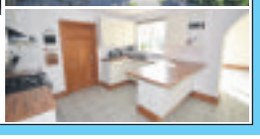
• AMIDST TOWN CENTRE LOCATION
• NO CHAIN
• EPC - D
£112,000

CASTLELAND STREET, BARRY
• MID TERRACED
• THREE BEDROOMS
• THREE RECEPTION ROOMS
• SOME ORIGINAL FEATURES
• CLOSE TO SHOPS, SCHOOLS & TRAIN STATION
• LOW MAINTENANCE GARDEN
• WELL PRESENTED
• EPC = E
£129,950

LAKIN DRIVE, BARRY
• MODERN SEMI DETACHED
• TWO BEDROOMS
• UPVC D/G GCH
• LIVING ROOM
• KITCHEN/BREAKFAST ROOM
• OPEN PLAN GARDEN/DRIVEWAY
• WELL PRESENTED
• NO CHAIN ER=D
£134,950

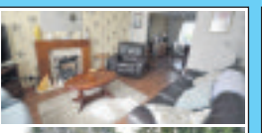
LAKESIDE, BARRY
• SPACIOUS SEMI DETACHED
• THREE REC. ROOMS
• GROUND FLOOR BATHROOM
• THREE BEDROOMS
• 1ST FLR. W.C.
• BALCONY - FAR REACHING VIEWS ACROSS BRISTOL CHANNEL
• VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
• DRIVEWAY/AMPLE PARKING
• MINUTES WALK TO THE BEACH
• EPC - D
£369,950

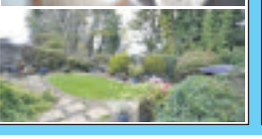
WINCHESTER CLOSE, BARRY
• MODERN MID TERRACED
• WELL PRESENTED THROUGHOUT
• LIVING ROOM
• REPLACEMENT W.C./SHOWER ROOM
• THREE BEDROOMS
• FAM. BATHROOM
• LOW MAINTENANCE PATIO GARDEN
• REAR PARKING ACCESSIBLE FROM REAR
• VIEWING ESSENTIAL
• ER = C
£119,950

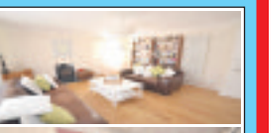


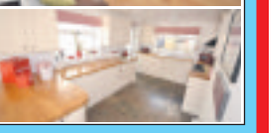
COLCOT ROAD, BARRY
• A SPACIOUS DETACHED
• LIVING ROOM
• KITCHEN/BREAKFAST
• UTILITY ROOM SUN ROOM
• 1ST FLR: 4 BEDROOMS (ENSUITE)
• 2ND FLR:TWO FURTHER BEDROOMS
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
• GARAGE/DRIVEWAY
• NO CHAIN
• ER = C
£324,950

SHERBOUNE CLOSE, BARRY
• VERY WELL PRESENTED
• THREE BEDROOMED-SEMI DETACHED
• LIVING ROOM, DINING ROOM
• W.C. CLOAKROOM
• MODERN FITTED KITCHEN
• CONSERVATORY
• MODERN SHOWER ROOM
• BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY/GARAGE
• ENCLOSED PRIVATE REAR GARDEN
• ER=C
£184,950









HELLAS DRIVE, BARRY
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FESTIVAL WEEK IS THE PERFECT TIME FOR MUSEUM TO OPEN ITS NEW WING!

PORTHCAWL Museum opened its new wing on Saturday, October 24.

Bridgend MP Madeleine Moon opened the new wing, supported by the First Minister, and the mayors of both BridgendCounty Borough (Coun Richard Young) and Porthcawl Town Council (Coun David Newton-Williams.

Also attending were AMs Suzy Davis and Altaf Hussain, and the High Sheriff Jayne James.

Saturday was the first day of Welsh museum festival week, so Porthcawl was pleased to host the First Minister on this important day for Welsh museums.

The visitors also called in to see the artists of Porthcawl and District Art Society, whose gallery is in the same building.

Carwyn Jones AM said: "The opening of the new wing marks a new chapter for Porthcawl Museum and I was delighted to attend and to celebrate a new future for the Old Police Station, Porthcawl.

"I would like to thank all the volunteers who have worked tirelessly to provide such a fantastic asset. It was great to have a tour around the new wing and to see the various exhibits.

"I was particularly interested to see the Porthcawl Railway exhibition. There were a collection of old photographs, railway posters and other railway memorabilia".

Mr Jones added: "The museum is well supported by the people of Porthcawl and I hope that people will continue to support the museum".

Carwyn Jones AM with a certificate saying the museum has been declared a 'digital heritage station'.

Jayne James with a dress from the museum's collection.

Cutting the cake!

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ABOVE: Madeleine Moon MP opens the new wing.

Showing off cards that say it is Museum Festival Week. (Left to right): Altaf Hussein AM; Paul Joseph; Jayne James; Madeleine Moon; Coun Richard Young and the Rev Canon Phillip Masson.

Paul Joseph from Porthcawl Museum with the First Minister.

The visitors in the Porthcawl and District Art Society's gallery, which is in the same building.

The High Shriff with law enforcement officers old and new.

School children with Bridgend College sport students and Ospreys players Tom Sloane and Joe Gage.

Local youngsters enjoy World Cup rugby festival

AROUND 1,000 schoolchildren recently took part in a World Cup-themed rugby festival organised by the Ospreys, Bridgend County Borough Council's Active Young People Department and Bridgend College.

Children from 20 primary schools from across Bridgend county borough enjoyed workshops and skill sessions carried out by the council's AYPD and Bridgend College sport students at the Pencoed Campus, with Ospreys players Tom Sloane and Joe Gage also lending a hand.

Speaking about the day, Cefn Cribwr Primary teacher Louise Scriven said: "It's been a lovely day for the children, they've got stuck in with the sessions and have really enjoyed themselves.

"We chose to dress up as the All Blacks, and the children have even been performing their own haka."

BCBC cabinet member for adult social care, health and wellbeing, Coun Phil White, said: "It's wonderful to see such a large number of youngsters from local schools enjoying taking part in physical activity.

"By working with partner organisations such as the Ospreys and Bridgend College, we are able to put on these events to encourage children to be more active and to have fun while doing it."

To find out about local sporting activities in schools and in your community, email aypd@bridgend.gov.uk or call 01656 815220.

Porthcawl RFC junior round-up

PORTHCAWL youth were 18-12 winners against Dulais Valley in the cup; the under-13s won 12-7 against Maesteg, and the under-7s won 20-1 against Maesteg Celtic.

UNDER-9s - MAESTEG CELTIC 12, PORTHCAWL 1

We played away against a strong running and tackling side who also played a good short running game off their shoulders.

Interestingly every one of their players were able to tackle off either shoulder and they continued to snuff out our attacks. Although we were without half of our team we had enough skill and passion to win and every player showed their battling spirit in defence and kept driving forward.

As a collective we battled; Taylor ran hard, tackled like a demon and after being hit really hard in a tackle he came back on and kept on going and well deserved clubman making a difference award.

Another with the bit between his teeth, especially in defence, was Lex, making tackle after tackle picking up top tackler award.

All players tackled well and it was nice to see Brody back in the groove making a number of good tackles. Dylan pushed Taylor close with strong runs and telling tackles. Harrison, Scott and Joel all made good runs and tackled well.

In attack Oscar ran his heart out along with Dexter who crossed for our only try, picking up top try scorer. Last, but not least, following some determined runs and great tackles on their biggest player, individual effort goes to Ben. This week we are away to Valley Ravens, albeit without Rose who has decided to retire from rugby - good luck Rose.

RH

UNDER-10s - PENCOED 20, PORTHCAWL 5

Both teams were down to their bare bones, half-term, injuries and illnesses playing its part for our team selection with 11 to choose from to get us through 30 minutes of rugby.

There was not much between the two sides all morning as both teams went about their business. Pencoed went 2-0 up but we pulled it back to 2-1 quickly in the second half with a try for Max Williams after a blistering run.

Pencoed applied too much pressure on us after that and although decisions didn't go our way it would fairer to say we didn't play to our strengths. Pencoed scored twice in this section with two good tries to take the match 4-1.

Our tackling was accurate and efficient, our rucking through Evan Carless is ever-improving and our reading of the game with touches of class from Max Williams, Jac Bevan, Luis Mullins and Osian Perkins off Will Thomas-Parker's distribution looks very promising for the future.

Support play from Corban Ford, Grace Phillips, Rory Lampard and a lot of the donkey work coming from Rhys Hibbert was forceful for long periods of this encounter. Zander Kale is worthy of a separate mention as he hasn't been with us long and was very mercurial in making a positive nuisance of himself with and without the ball. All their efforts cannot be faulted.

JP

Nursery pupils are inspired by Welsh designer

Budding designers!

Look who inspired us!

CHILDREN in St Clare's Nursery have been inspired by their favourite Welsh designer, Julien Macdonald.

They used lace, feathers, glitter, sequins, tissue and paint to make their own 'designer dresses' for the 'What I Wear' element of this term's topic 'Myself'.

The great man even tweeted back: "Aww, how precious! Their designs are so cute! Designers of the future."

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New local business park offers up flexible office space

FOLLOWING the successful opening of self storage facilities at their new business park on Coity Road, Bridgend in May this year, Dainton Group Services have completed phase two of the development with 12 new offices aimed at helping Bridgend's budding entrepreneurs, start-up companies and small businesses.

Dainton invested £850,000 to develop the brownfield site into a business park and have seen strong demand for their secure storage units for both commercial and domestic use. They are confident that the newly built offices will also be well received due to the changing nature of the UK economy, leading to the growth of micro-businesses in recent years and their need for flexible working spaces.

According to a report by Lord Young, the Prime Minister's enterprise adviser, businesses with 10 employees or fewer and the self employed now account for 95 per cent of all businesses in the UK and the new Bridgend offices will support ventures like these by offering flexible terms and extra commercial services to support their operations.

Speaking on behalf of Dainton Group Services, Jamie Richards, Bridgend site manager, said: "We have experienced fantastic uptake of our storage facilities and the new office lets will complement the services we offer the local economy.

"Many small businesses and start-ups outgrow their home premises and need more space to expand. We can provide those businesses with opportunity for growth without the overheads of crippling business rates, or being locked into a long-term contract, and without complicated rental agreements."

The 12 new modern offices are 137 sq ft – 156 sq ft and can be rented individually or together depending on the amount of space required. Combined with secure on-site storage, close to the town centre and less than 10 minutes from the M4, the business park also makes a great distribution hub.

Jamie Richards is keen to emphasis the support that the business park can provide local businesses: "We understand that flexibility and competitiveness are key to small and medium sized businesses so we offer commercial services to support our tenants, including accepting deliveries on their behalf, forklift facilities, a manned reception, free site access seven days a week as well as photocopying, scanning and printing."

What makes Dainton's office spaces unique is that they can be rented for as little as a month or for as long as required, making them ideal for someone launching a new business or wishing to expand out of their home office. The offices are now available and start from less than £270 a month including toilet and kitchen facilities and service charges.

They can be accessed by all forms of transport up to articulated lorry size, with parking for cars directly outside the offices and security provided by 24-hour CCTV and staff on site during reception opening hours.

To find out more, contact Jamie Richards on 01656 750293, email bridgend@dainton.com or visit Dainton Business, Coity Road, CF31 1NS.

PHOENIX UNDER-15S STRETCH LEGS

Jade Thomas on the attack. PICTURES BY JULIE HANCOCK

THERE was a run-out for this young Phoenix under-15s team up against a mixed experience valleys team.

It was all good experience for the girls, some of whom had not yet played! Phoenix scored through a a well controlled try from the experienced Jade Thomas.

The under-18s Phoenix are awaiting confirmation of a fixture against Nelson on Sunday - contact the club for more information.

All are welcome to join this team - contact Pencoed RFC on 01656 860152.

JH

Brazil helps Bridgend boys

RECENTLY, the former Manchester United and Cardiff City defender Derek Brazil took time out from his busy schedule to put on a coaching session for Bridgend's disabled and mental health footballers, including two of the new mini bulldogs.

The session included defensive drills and ways of building on teamwork and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

The session, which was organised through manager Kelly Hall, should be the first of many and Derek was an inspiration to all.

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Sales

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- THREE BEDROOMS
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- DOUBLE GLAZE
- NO ONGOING CHAIN.

Sales

Ty Levant £85,000

- ONE BEDROOM
- TOP FLOOR
- WELL PRESENTED
- WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT

Sales

Cross Street £114.950

- TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- MID TERRACE
- TOWN CENTRE LOCATION
- VIEWING ADVISED

Sales

Morgan Street £115,000

- WELL PRESENTED
- TWO BEDROOMS
- TOWN CENTRE LOCATION
- NO ONGOING CHAIN

Sales

Cardiff Road £120,000

- TWO BEDROOMS
- REDECORATED THROUGHOUT
- WELL PRESENTED
- NEWLY FITTED CARPETS
- IDEAL FOR FIRST TIME BUYERS

Sales

Marlborough Close £185,000

- FIVE BEDROOMS
- THREE RECEPTION ROOMS
- GARAGE
- DETACHED

Sales

Colcot Road £165,000

- RECENTLY REFURBISHED
- THREE BEDROOMS
- ENCLOSED GARDEN
- OFF ROAD PARKING

Sales

Palmerston Road £135,000

- THREE BEDROOMS
- SEMI DETACHED
- CONSERVATORY
- OFF ROAD PARKING

Sales

Greenacres £149.950

- THREE BEDROOMS
- WELL PRESENTED
- SEMI DETACHED
- ENCLOSED GARDEN
- INTEGRAL GARAGE

Sales

Heol Corswigen £175,000

- THREE BEDROOMS
- CORNER PLOT
- WELL PRESENTED
- PENCOEDTRE VILLAGE

Sales

Westbury Close £95,000

- THREE BEDROOMS
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- NO CHAIN

Sales

Marine Drive £215,000

- WEST END LOCATION
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- CLOSE TO AMENITIES
- NO ON GOING CHAIN

Sales

Porthkerry Road £160,000

- THREE BEDROOMS
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- WEST END LOCATION
- WELL PRESENTED

Sales

Clos Cefni £215,000

- THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- CONSERVATORY
- INTEGRAL GARAGE
- NO ONGOING CHAIN

Sales

Port Road East £320,000

- EXTENDED DETACHED HOUSE
- THREE BEDROOMS
- LARGER THAN AVERAGE PLOT
- WELL PRESENTED
- GARAGE

Sales

Romilly Road £279,000

- GOOD SIZE PROPERTY - MUST BE VIEWED
- GOOD SIZE GARDEN
- ORIGINAL FEATURES
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Solva Close £120,000

- THREE BEDROOMS
- WELL PRESENTED
- LARGER THAN AVERAGE PLOT
- DRIVEWAY

Sales

Woodlands Court £95,000

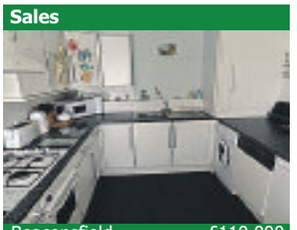
- TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT
- GROUND FLOOR
- SINGLE GARAGE
- TOWN CENTRE LOCATION

Sales

Dock View Road £185,000

- FIVE BEDROOMS
- END OF TERRACE
- SINGLE GARAGE
- CHANNEL VIEWS

Sales



Beaconsfield £110,000

- CHANNEL VIEWS
- TWO BEDROOMS
- WESTEND LOCATION
- SINGLE GARAGE

Sales

YMCA Lofts £70,000

- MEZZANINE BEDROOM
- TOP FLOOR
- TOWN CENTRE LOCATION
- NO ONGOING CHAIN

Sales

Walker Road £125,000

- SEMI - DETACHED
- UPSTAIRS BATHROOM
- CONSERVATORY
- BRISTOL CHANNEL VIEWS

Sales

Holton Road £110,000

- SEMI DETACHED
- EXCELLENT ORDER THROUGHOUT
- 2 GENEROUS BEDROOMS
- OFF ROAD PARKING

Sales

Coldbrook Road West £245,000

- DETACHED COTTAGE
- THREE RECEPTION ROOMS
- FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- LARGER THAN AVERAGE PLOT
- OFF ROAD PARKING

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UNDER OFFER

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- 2 bed mid terrace property in popular area of Barry
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- Well presented throughout
- Courtyard garden to the rear
- Offered freehold & would make an ideal 1st purchase

£89,500

NEW

RHODFA'R GWAGENNI, BARRY

- A very well presented three storey 4 bedroom mid link town house
- Gas central heating & double glazed throughout
- Allocated parking and garage to the rear
- Low maintenance garden to the rear
- Sold freehold with no onward chain

£185,000

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- 50 seater licensed cafe & restaurant turnkey business for sale
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- A3 usage
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£15,000

NEW PRICE

LYDSTEP ROAD, BARRY

- An three bedroom semi detached property with single garage & driveway
- Gas central heating & double glazed
- Enclosed gardens to front & rear
- Potential to buy fully/part furnished if desired
- Offered freehold with no onward chain

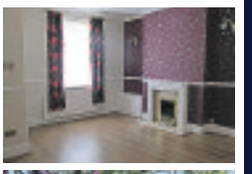
£122,000

NEW

MOREL STREET, BARRY

- 2 bedroom mid terrace property within walking distance to the town centre
- Gas central heating & double glazed
- Close to transport links in & out of Barry
- Low maintenance garden to the rear
- Sold freehold with no onward chain

£104,950



NEW

LEE ROAD, BARRY

- A 3 bedroom mid terrace property in good decorative order
- Gas central heating and double glazed
- Low maintenance garden to the rear
- Close to local amenities, schools & transport links in & out of Barry.
- Sold leasehold with approx 874 years remaining

£94,950

RENTALS

Arthur Street, Barry.
3 bed mid terrace. GCH. DG. Unfurnished
£575PCM

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2 bed coach-house with garden & garage. GCH. DG. Unfurnished
£525PCM

High Street, Barry
2 bed 1st floor maisonette. GCH. DG. Unfurnished
£475PCM

Flat 4, Holton Road, Barry
1 bed 1st floor flat. GCH. DG. Unfurnished
£360PCM

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3 bed semi detached. GCH. DG. Unfurnished
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NEW

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A rare opportunity to purchase a traditional, well constructed semi detached property in the sought after vale village of Colwinston, with its Church in Wales Primary School and well known pub. Although in need of total modernisation the accommodation provides kitchen two reception rooms, bathroom and three bedrooms. Outside shed and greenhouse. Small cottage type garden at the front with long south facing garden to the rear with rural views over farmland. EPC Rating - F

NEW PRICE

Llanharry £249,950

Well positioned in a small cul-de-sac is this detached four bedroom house with single integral garage, driveway parking and easily maintained gardens to front and rear. Briefly the accommodation comprises an entrance hallway, ground floor cloakroom, lounge, dining room/sitting room, good size kitchen/diner, four double bedrooms with en-suite shower off the master, family bathroom, and full uPVC D/Glazing throughout. Within school catchment of the recognised ' Y Pant Secondary School, viewing of this family home is recommended. EPC Rating - D

Pencoed £159,950

An attractive three bedroom semi detached house. Well presented accommodation consists of lounge, fitted kitchen/diner, downstairs w.c, master bedroom with en-suite, 2 further bedrooms and family bathroom. Garden to front and lawned garden with patio area to rear. Garage and parking. EPC Rating - C

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A traditional, semi-detached house, in the popular residential area of Ewenny Rd, Bridgend, within level walking distance of the town centre. Well proportioned accommodation comprising two living rooms, kitchen/dining room, downstairs cloakroom three bedrooms and two shower rooms. Front and rear garden. EPC Rating – D

Llanmaes £599,000

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Athletic and Superman meet up for exciting weekend!

At Scrum V with presenter Jason Mohammed.

Members of Superman RFC and Bridgend Athletic RFC.

FOR the third time, Tokyo RFC side Superman visited Bridgend Athletic RFC and were hosted by club members during the weekend of the Wales-South Africa match; 24 members flew in from Japan and some from Canada.

On the Friday evening they were entertained at the BARFC clubhouse by a section of the Bridgend Male Voice choir and then joined in an impromptu evening of song with the choir.

They showed their appreciation by presenting three members of the choir with beautiful souvenirs from Japan. On the Saturday they played a low key match against a combined BARFC second XV and veterans.

It was then back to the clubhouse for another get together with their Welsh friends. They were equally as vocal in their support for Wales during the match with South Africa as any Welshman in the clubhouse.

On the Sunday evening a contingent from Superman, led by Koko Kikuchi, along with Athletic committee man and tour coordinator Phil Rees, appeared on Scrum V.

Phil and Koko were interviewed by Jason Mohammed and recounted the tale of how Superman RFC was formed in 1975 and their subsequent association with BARFC.

Phil recounted in the interview that following Wales defeating Japan 82-6 in Tokyo during their Japan tour, Kenichi Okhubo said it would take Superman to beat that team. He was inspired to form the Tokyo side which plays in the red colours of Wales and now in the Tokyo First Division.

To commemorate their 10th anniversary in 1985, they wanted to arrange a tour to Wales, the land that had inspired their formation.

Through various contacts a letter requesting a five day hosted visit to BARFC landed with Phil, who was president of BARFC at that time. Phil was apprehensive of how it would go but with the help of BARFC players, parents and supporters, arrangements were made and the tour took place. It was a resounding social success.

Phil said: "Three months after the tour we received a letter thanking the club for its hospitality and a cheque for £1,000 and an invite for the club to visit them in Japan."

In May 1985 that invitation was taken up and 45 players and members of the Ath visited Tokyo as part of a three week tour including Hong Kong, Hawaii and California. Superman RFC returned to Wales in 2000 with two unusual requests ahead of the trip.

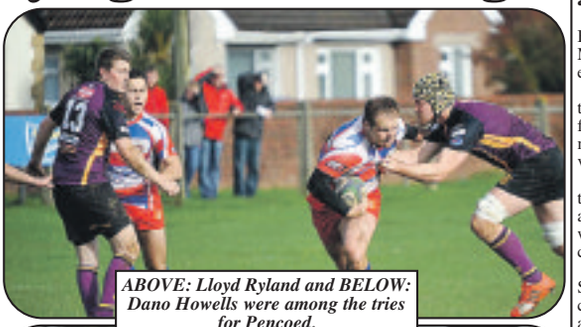
Phil said: "They actually asked me to arrange a wedding in Bridgend for a couple that were coming over. We supplied absolutely everything – even the bride's dress and they got married in Nolton Church with the choir singing."

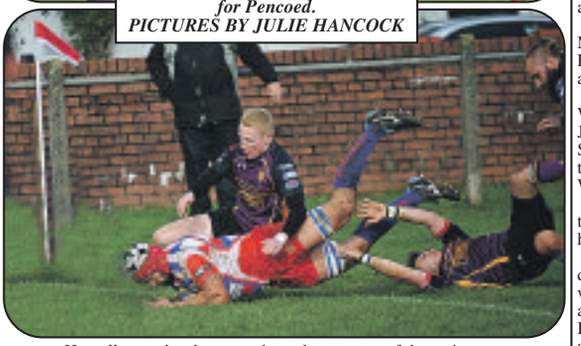
There was such respect from Superman that one of its members, who died just before the tour took place, requested his ashes be spread on the Athletic's pitch at Newbridge Fields. He considered that as his second home, and again this went ahead.

Koko told Jason: "Meeting my old friends at BARFC is the best part of this trip – we are really, really strongly connected." **AB**

Pencoed pick up valuable victory against Maesteg

WITH almost a third of the Division 1 West Central campaign completed, and with both Pencoed RFC and Maesteg on eight points, victory was paramount at the Recreation ground.





ABOVE: Lloyd Ryland and BELOW: Dano Howells were among the tries for Pencoed. PICTURES BY JULIE HANCOCK

The home side slowly but surely are returning to something like their true form, aided by the return of a couple of key experienced players.

The foundation for this win was a solid pack performance with the front row of skipper Keiron Moore, hooker Tom Drew, and loose head prop Christian Powell instrumental in the effort, this supplemented by the graft of second rows Dano Howells and Ricky Somers.

The return from injury of back row forward Aaron Halse alongside Gareth Prentice and Rhys Watkins cannot be understated, the athleticism of Halse bringing a welcome added dimension to the Pencoed pack.

The match started in dramatic fashion, the home support stunned into silence in the opening minute when a visitors' counter attack ended with outside half Laurence Howley sprinting in at the left hand corner on the loop.

Pencoed hit back to take the lead in the 10th minute, centre Lloyd Ryland straightening on to a short pass before crashing through the last line of the visitors' defence to score, Adam Williams adding the conversion.

Pencoed returned to the attack at the restart, the home pack driving over; however experienced match official Mike Bethel, having peered through the mass of bodies, ruled out a score.

Pencoed continued to enjoy the best of the territory and sustained pressure brought its reward with once again the penetration of Ryland bringing about the second home try, second row Howells the beneficiary, receiving the ball in the outside centre channel before powering over halfway out, Williams converting.

Howley kept his side in touch with a penalty goal and Pencoed led 14-8. The home side continued to create chances, crossing in the right hand corner following a clever inside pass from wing Jack Picton; unfortunately, the scoring pass was marginally forward.

A counter-attack initiated from home full back Rhys Thomas almost brought a score, the scrambled 'Old Parish' defence doing exceptionally well to snuff out a score and matters remained 14-8 at the break.

Pencoed then picked up a yellow card in the opening moments of the second half but were not deterred, and strong running from wing David Young, No8 Gareth Prentice and Howells threatened before Williams increased the home lead with a penalty goal.

Maesteg then conceded a yellow card but another dangerous counter attack swept play into the home 22 before Ryland put in a vital tackle to save his side.

Going into the last quarter Pencoed introduced replacements Kyle Barrett and Paul Mcfarlane, and following a second take against the head, outside half Williams moved the ball wide to Young in space.

The strong running wing needing no second invitation to power through his opposite number with a strong fend and dive in at the corner flag to the obvious delight of his team mates.

Williams added a fine conversion from the touchline and the home side led 24-8 with 15 minutes left on the clock.

A clever crossfield kick from Howley released his outside backs and only superb defence from Pencoed kept Maesteg at bay.

The young home replacements were now having an impact with Rhys Bargery particularly impressive with his forceful running, front row forward replacement James Tredray also in the thick of the action.

Under pressure in their own 22 the home pack then produced a dominant scrummage, driving the Maesteg eight off their own ball to clear their lines. Thomas then thwarted the visitors with a superb mark deep in his 22 before the home side returned to the attack in the dying moments, Picton just foiled by a wicked bounce following a well-controlled kick and chase.

Pencoed can reflect on a well deserved victory, a good all round team performance creating a number of scoring chances, with prominent displays from Lloyd Ryland and Rhys Bargery, who certainly put their hands up for home man of the match,

This accolade, however, was awarded to second row forward Dano Howells, whose combative running in broken play threatened the visitors throughout.

The squad now have a break from league action before returning at home to Bonymaen on Saturday, November 7, 2.30pm kick off.

TR

Cowbridge darts league round-up

ON Tuesday, October 20, there was a full programme of league matches.

With the Highwayman Inn having a bye, the Farmers Arms regained the top stop with a 7-2 win over the Six Bells Inn. The Edmondes A were defeated 7-2 by Llanharry. In this match Steve Simmonite (Edmondes A) hit a 112 three-dart-out.

The Edmondes B defeated the Edmondes C 6-3, and in the bottom of the table clash the Hare and Hounds eventually defeated the Old Post Ladies also by the score of 6-3. In that win Simon Reader (Hare and Hounds) hit a 180.

Present league standings, after four matches, are: Farmers Arms (23 points), Edmondes B (21), Highwayman Inn and Edmondes A (18), Six Bells Inn and Edmondes C (16), Llanharry (13), Hare & Hounds (11) and Old Post Ladies (8).

Next week, Tuesday, November 3, the Edmondes Arms and the Six Bells Inn will host the first rounds of the mixer doubles.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome. For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

PJT

Bridgend bridge club - latest news

BRIDGEND Bridge Club held a new competition on Friday, October 23.

It is called the Presidents Cup and has been introduced following the presentation of a magnificent new trophy to the club by its current president, Bill Turner. The event is a pro-am, and will be played for annually.

Bill is only the second president the club has had, the first being Max Powell, who founded the club, taught many local people bridge and represented Wales.

Bill has been a member of the Bridgend Club for nearly 50 years and was greatly honoured to be elected the club's second president a few years ago. He has had so much pleasure out of bridge that he is keen to encourage more people to take up the game and help them develop their skills.

The above photo shows president Bill Turner presenting the cup to the first winners Eileen Mahoney and John Evans.

The results for recent events at Bridgend Bridge Club are:

Wednesday, October 21, club night - First Andy Robertshaw and Graham Norris, second Vida Halford and Glyn Williams, third John Beard and Liam Sheridan. Thursday, October 22, afternoon gentle bridge - First John Henson and Mike Williams, second Arthur Harvey and David Newman, third Dylis Bowser and V Irene Thomas. Friday, October 23, the Presidents Cup - First John Evans and Eileen Mahoney, second Jane Brook and Geoff Barnett, third V Irene Thomas and Marjorie Morris.

There are regular club nights on Wednesdays and Fridays at Nolton Church Hall with play starting at 7pm - it helps if players arrive 10 minutes earlir to ensure a prompt start.

On Thursday afternoon there is a gentle bridge session at 2pm where assistance with bidding is available for the less experienced player.

Lessons for beginners take place on Thursday morning starting at 11.30am, again in Nolton Church Hall - for further informtion please contact Steve Burgoymeon 01656 1968 John Evans on 01656 880372 or David Newman on 01656 649138.

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They would also like to thank Marie Curie Hospice and the NHS nursing staff at Llandough and Velindre for their support throughout Kerry's illness and all the kind cards, tributes and donations to Kerry.

Ali would also like to thank Jude and Gareth for the beautiful flowers for Kerry. Many thanks to Lyndsay and Nicola Ellis at Vale Funeral Service for their help, support and guidance throughout this difficult time.

Ali would also like to thank all the library staff who gave her so much support, as did her family - Mac, Pat, Carole, Peter and especially her brother John, and Edna who gave Kerry his dignity to the end. For that she is truly grateful.

Ali would also like to thank Lynda who gave her support to Charlotte and Ali; Dawn, one of their closest friends, for reading Ali's poem to Kerry at the service, and to Bev and Dave, along with the boys from the Park Rangers skittle team.

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Nancy Eileen

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Eryl

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They were Lucia and Thea Cunningham, Corey Dorset and Kera Watson-Wood, with Kera Watson-Wood being awarded the Cadoxton grading shield.

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The Llantwit Major junior rugby round-up

LAST Sunday, Llantwit Major under-13s had an 11am kick off at the Rec playing fields against St Peters under-13s RFC.

After last Sunday's try fest Llantwit Major were looking to do the same to St Peters but they were in for a rude awakening. St Peters from the start showed they had players to match any of Llantwit's in all aspects of the game.

From the first kick off tackles were flying in fast and furious from both teams, the ball was bobbing around like a hot potato with both squads making too many mistakes.

St Peters rucking skills were dominating from the start, forcing the defenders backwards with good clear outs. One of these turnovers was all St Peters needed; some good passing and offloading of the ball out to the wing allowed him to sprint through some poor defending to score.

The speed and ferocity of St Peters had taken Llantwit by surprise. Llantwit had to regroup quickly otherwise the game could already have been lost. Inside their own 22 a scrum was awarded to Llantwit, and this saw the back line shuffling around ready for the outside half's call.

The ball was won and with dummy runners confusing the St Peters defence, Connor Booker was allowed to charge through to score near the posts. The conversion was taken and completed by Kieran Daw.

Llantwit Major, now in the lead, seemed to get back into their rhythm creating better phases of play. St Peters continued to attack when the opportunities arose.

It wasn't long until Llantwit's second try and this again was from broken play. A maul was created and good ripping of the ball by Rhys Lloyd and Isaac McBride allowed scrum half Stephen Williams to offload. Outside centre Ewan Haywood received the ball at speed and cut his way through the defence breaking half tackles to score under the posts. The conversion was taken and completed by Stephen Williams.

Half-time came and with this a change of players for Llantwit and fresh legs would hopefully protect the 14-5 lead that they had worked very hard for.

From the restart both teams came out fired up and again mistakes from both teams seemed to slow the game down.

A fast defensive line by St Peter's seemed to disrupt any consistency by Llantwit and they seemed to survive on scrap ball.

Again from pure doggedness from the Llantwit forwards, the ball found its way out to Jacob Pereira who draw in the defence to allow Ewan Heywood to again open up to leave St Peter's in his wake.

With a 19-5 lead it seemed that the game was won but again St Peters had other ideas.

Using their big centre as a ball carrier and again with some poor tackling gained a foothold in the Llantwit's half. Continued pressure and supportive running allowed St Peters to secure their second try.

St Peters' heads were up now and again they poured more pressure onto the Llantwit defence.

The game seemed to have moved more towards St Peters as they continued to drive closer towards the opposition line. Eventually after some great defensive play by Llantwit, St Peters got their reward.

At 19-15 it was now all to play for. For the remainder of the half both teams defended any attacking moves and hardly any real chances to alter the scoreline came. Both teams showed great resilience in a very hard fought game and deserved applaud from both sets of spectators. Final score Llantwit Major 19, St Peters 15.

Team: Rian Thomas, Aled Leitch, Cole Saunders, Ewan Heywood, Isaac McBride, Jordan Lee Griffith, Rhys Lloyd, Jacob Pereira, Kieran Daw, Kofi Jones, Sam Deere, Sennan Cummings-Jones, Spencer Williams, Stephen Williams, Connor Booker, Joe Davies, Luke Thomas, Jacob Hunt, Cai Ellerton, Rhodri Richards, Tom Redfern - Hughes and Joe Parry.

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Last Sunday Llantwit Warriors travelled to St Peters, Cardiff to play.

They had two matches lined up, against St Peters A and St Albans. Playing St Peters has always been a tough match for the Warriors, and this wasn't any different.

The match was a fantastic match to watch. The Warriors started really strong and kept possession of the ball, even at the breakdown – which is where previously St Peters controlled the game.

The Warriors played great rugby, working hard to keep ball in hand, they were passing and rucking amazingly. St Peters are always extremely well drilled in set moves, but the Warriors held their own and were determined to keep St Peters away from the try line.

It was only through two missed tackles that St Peters broke through the Warriors defensive line to score two tries in the first half, but the Warriors were not giving up.

They worked together as a team, and with some fantastic hand to hand ball play, they got the ball out wide and left Sam A the space to run in a lovely try.

The second half was just as physical as the first with all players put ting everything into the game. St Peters were able to score another two tries in the game, making the final score St Peters 4, Llantwit Warriors 1, try scorer Sam A.

Every match between St Peters and the Warriors has always been a great game to watch and St Peters have always pushed the Warriors to play their best rugby, and they did exactly that.

The second game of the day was against St Albans, a fairly new team. The Warriors were determined to finish the day with a win and again threw everything they had at St Albans.

The Warriors defence was strong, and they were attacking well, creating space for a few lovely tries to be run in by Dylan M, Logan and another from Sam A. Final score St Albans 1, Llantwit Warriors 5.

Squad: Iwan Thomas, Tom Roberts, Logan Pike, Olly Williams, Rhys Davies, Sam Harry, Rhys Greenaway, Sam Alexander, Dylan Wright, Caleb Beare, Dylan Morgan, Will Squance, Aneurin Price, Evan Harris, Kyle Griffiths, Owen Hill, Cristian Parry, Finn O'Brian and Jamie Jenkins.

On a crisp October Sunday morning Llantwit Major under-7s travelled across Cardiff to play St Peters and St Albans in a round robin.

With St Peters flush with players they decided to field two teams meaning that the small Llantwit squad played three matches in their first away trip of the season.

Having only started playing matches last Sunday, this season's under-7s are growing in confidence and were looking to build on their great performance against Taffs Well last week.

Match one saw Llantwit take on St Peters A, with the hosts showing their extra few weeks' experience with some good running and tagging skills being displayed from both teams.

Llantwit Major played really well during the game and during an incredibly tight contest St Peters scored a late try that helped to seal a 11-9 victory for the hosts.

Next up were the St Peters Bs, and again the match was a very close contest with end to end play.

Some dashing scores and good evasive skills saw both teams running in some top Sunday morning tries. The match ended in a 12-12 draw and both teams could be happy with their effort and endeavour.

The final match saw Llantwit play St Albans and after two close matches Llantwit started the match with gusto scoring some lovely tries.

Unfortunately St Albans soon started to get their own game going and got back into the game which brought the match on level terms.

With Llantwit beginning to tire a couple of late tries saw St Albans steal a victory with the score 8-5 to St Albans.

Team: Aaron Mole, Dylan Rees, Dylan Thomas, Keegan Saunders, Keiran Neil, Scott Sawyer, Sean Boult, Will Jones. **MR**

UNDER-8S IN ACTION

LLANTWIT MAJOR AFC under-8s were in action at Barry Comprehensive School on Saturday and their newly-sponsored jackets came in useful as the weather turned for the worst.

They were joined by teams from FC Barry, Cogan, Inter Penarth, Island Marine, Rhoose, Caddy Imps and Holton Road.

Llantwit Saints and Llantwit Lions had to play each other in the first match of the day and both teams had their game face on, not letting their 'friends' get one over them.

In Llantwit Dragons' first match the team let the opposition take a two goal lead before battling back for the win. The rest of the matches didn't disappoint either with all players getting stuck in and the goalkeepers being up for the job when called upon.

There were no post-match photos as the rain came down but the coaches made sure the teams were presented with player of the week certificates.

Llantwit Lions award went to Bleddyn Mitchem for his overall energy during the matches and bagging a few goals for the team.

Llantwit Saints' award went to Finley Phillips-Kemp who is solid in defence and could land this award most weeks.

Llantwit Dragons also had a tough choice with so many players doing well, but it was decided that Oliver Ingram deserved it for a fine defensive performance linking well with the rest of the team.

The team have been given a well-deserved rest thisweek but will be back in action on November 7, weather dependent.

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ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

Brian's point-to-point blast from the past – 2003

DAVID BRACE, sponsor of the Dunraven Bowl at Chepstow, saw his *Dawn's Cognac* land the men's open race at the Vale of Clettwr fixture.

Ridden by leading rider Julian Pritchard, *Dawn's Cognac,* named after Mr Brace's wife Dawn's favourite tipple, had fallen in his two previous races but this time led four fences from home to win easily from *Chestnut Wood*.

Bargoed's Beth Williams, riding 12-year-old *Market Springer,* took the ladies' open race by a length from *Baltic Magic*. *Market Springer* certainly likes the Erw Lon course, having been successful on his last two runs there last season.

Two riders notched-up doubles; evergreen Dai Jones from Carmarthen scored with *Gold Kriek* (maiden division 3) and *Little Eleanor* (confined) with Pembrokeshire's Paul Shelldrake successful with *StickWithTheHand* (members) and *Grizzly Golfwear* (restricted division 2).

Richard Mathias's nine-year-old *Glacial Boy* was well ridden by Candy Thomas and won by a distance from *Valjean* partnered by young William Oakes.

Ogmore's Nick Williams won division 1 of the maiden on Letterfrack Lad beating *Trial Trip*, ridden by national and Welsh champion Evan Williams by a short head in an exciting finish.

Nick, like his older brother Christian, has a promising future ahead of him.

The first of the two Curre and Llangibby fixtures had better weather. Robert Stephens, who is 19 years old, and attached to Philip Hobbs' yard, took the opening hunt members' race on the 14-year-old grey *Kerry Soldier Blue* trained by his father David, who has ridden many winners himself over the Howick course.

This was Robert's first win between-the-flags, but he had opened his account under rules as an amateur when winning a hurdle race at Fontwell earlier in the month.

The Vale's Bob Mason's *Cherry Gold*, who notched-up six wins last season, won his first open race by six lengths from *Smile Please* after making all the running with his trainer/rider Evan Williams in the saddle.

Richard Mathias' *Mystic Native,* ridden by Candy Thomas, won the ladies' open race by two lengths from the favourite *He's A Dancer*.

Gwent's Tommy Faulkner took the confined on *Chief Predator* trained by his mother Debbie and owned by Mrs Edna Hussey. *Chief Predator*, a 10-1 chance, scored by 20 lengths from *Andy's Lad* with the well backed Court Leney a further two lengths away in third spot.

Joe Price, 'The Grand Old Man of Welsh Hunt Racing', earned the biggest cheers of the day when winning the confined on *Wee Junior* by two lengths from *Twilight Dancer*.

Despite his name, *Wee Junior* must be one of the biggest point-to-pointers in training.

Leading amateur Christian Williams was successful on his father Robert's *Candlestone Castle* in the second division of the restricted open, the first division being won by Edward Walker on 14-year-old *Felloo*.

Welsh ladies' champion Lucy Rowsell won the second division on *Rubian Prince* who benefited from the falls of *Almost A Day* and *Good Morning* at the last fence.

William Oakes, aged 17, landed the third division on 20-1 outsider *Mensch*, owned and trained by Paul Morgan.

Riding honours at the rearranged Carmarthenshire meeting at Erw Lon the following day went to chartered surveyor Tim Vaughan who had a treble with *PowerNGlory* (men's open), *Noaff* (Intermediate) and *Johnny's Gone* (restricted).

The ladies' open went to 14-year-old *Oscail An Doras* who beat another 14-year-old *River Lossie* by 20 lengths. Winning rider Emily Jones looks just at home riding over the jumps as she is on the flat.

Amanda Meakins took the first division of the maiden on her *ItsallupintheAir* who was rather lucky as *Oscarxpress*, who looked liked giving Vaughan a four-timer, fell at the last.

The second division went to *Parisian Storm* who, under Evan Williams, scored by 25 lengths from *Carew Lad*. Mark Lewis took the aged maiden on *Home Again* who made every post a winning one and had 25 lengths to spare over *Daisy's Choice*.

Evan lands a delightful double

ON the first day of the recent two-day Chepstow Jumps Festival meeting, Llancarfan trainer Evan Williams landed a 615-1 double when the only two horses he saddled, Tea In Transvaal and Court Minstrel, both ridden by stable jockey Paul Moloney, won their respective races.

The former a winner of her previous three races won the £13,000 Weatherbys Hamilton Hurdle (Limited Handicap) getting home by three parts of a length from Karezak and the latter, who shared top weight of 11 stone, 12 pounds, won the main race of the day, the £50,000 Totepool Silver Trophy Handicap Hurdle by two lengths from the Philip Hobbs-trained Rock The Kasbah.

Twenty-four hours later Evan and Paul captured the £30,000 Totepool Persian War Novices' Hurdle feature race when Roadie Joe, a winner of his previous three races, won by a short head from Cardinal Palace.

Evan said: "His owner sent him over to me and told me to find the worse summer jumps race you can win with him, but he's just kept improving and it is fantastic. To be honest his Irish point-to-point form was poor to put it mildly but although hes slow, he saw it out here."

Paul said: "He's a lovely type of horse with a lovely attitude. I was most impressed with him." Roadie Joe started at odds of 8-1 in a field of just six runners.

Pembrokeshire's Peter Bowen won the ASCF Supports Bob Champion Cancer Trust Veterans' Handicap Chase with his 10-year-old Danimix.

DARK SPIRIT, trained by Evan Williams at Llancarfan, landed the £12,512 Pertemps Network Handicap Hurdle (Series Qualifier) at Cheltenham last Friday.

Well ridden by Lewis Gordon, seven-year-old Dark Spirit, who was returned at odds of 11-1, came home two-and-a-quarter lengths from the favourite Mr Shantu, who was bidding for a three-timer.

On Sunday, Aberthin's Tim Vaughan took the opening £3,249 Wincanton Handicap Hurdle with six-year-old Panis Angelicus, which won by three parts of a length from the top-weighted favourite Barton Antix.

Panis Angelicus was partnered by Alan Johns and was available at odds of 13-2.

BRIAN LEE

Barry Town return home on Saturday!

BARRY Town United return home to Jenner Park this weekend for a Welsh Cup second round showdown with fellow Welsh League Division One outfit Aberdare Town (2pm).

The fixture will be Barry's first on the all-new, state-of-the-art 3G playing surface at Jenner Park, which achieved its FIFA-accredited status last week, allowing it to host football matches up to a UEFA Champions League level.

Gavin Chesterfield's side have spent the first 11 weeks of their season on the road, winning four and drawing three of their opening nine league fixtures, while progressing in both the League Cup and Welsh Cup competitions.

Admission for this weekend's Welsh Cup fixture at Jenner Park is only £5 on the turnstiles (with concessions for senior citizens, students and juniors).

Gates are at 1.30pm, with entry available at both the Gladstone Road and Barry Road ends of the stadium and disabled access via the Devon Avenue entrance (please contact the club via 07557 665 847 to arrange).

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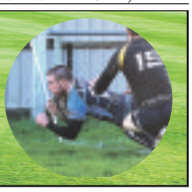

The All Blacks line up a Rugby World Cup double!

THERE has been an air of inevitability about defending champions New Zealand's unbeaten march to the Rugby World Cup final at Twickenham this weekend.

Having surmounted their toughest obstacle so far with a 20-18 victory over South Africa in the pouring rain at Twickenham on Saturday, they now face an Australian side that has blown hot and cold and has been riding its luck throughout the tournament, notably against Wales when the Wallabies were reduced to 13 men.

This continued on Sunday in the flattering 29-15 win over Argentina, helped by a converted try that should have been disallowed by referee Wayne Barnes for a forward pass.

The All Blacks, too, have had their slice of luck, and skipper Richie McCaw may be considered fortunate to be in the line-up after escaping a citing, following an incident when a South African player was elbowed in the head.

One thing is for sure, there will be no love lost between these two bitter southern hemisphere rivals when the RWC 2015 final kicks off at 4pm on Saturday – with the northern hemisphere merely spectators on the sidelines.

Another tight contest is in prospect, but it would be a brave man who would bet against New Zealand achieving the first ever back-to-back World Cup victory since the tournament began.

DON JOHN

Penybont under-18s slip to defeat

PRIOR to kick off, there was just two points separating Union Rangers under-18s and Penybont under-18s in the league table, so Penybont travelled to Swansea expecting a close game.

It was the worst possible start for Penybont as the home side only needed two minutes to take the lead after one of the Union Rangers' players capitalised on a Penybont defensive mishap to slot the ball into the right hand side of the goal.

After this slow start, Penybont started to grow into the match by taking the game to their opponents.

After a succession of corners, Penybont were unlucky not to get an equaliser after a clearance off the line.

However, the equaliser soon arrived when left midfielder Robert Symons delivered a dangerous cross into the penalty area which was met by Morgan Ley, who nestled the ball into the back of the net after starting the game strongly.

The match was now evenly poised going into half-time which set up an important second half for both sides.

Just like the first half, Penybont started the second half slowly and Union Rangers regained the lead on the 54 minute mark after one of their players scored from a rebound.

Penybont showed good character to equalise for the second time through striker Matthew Symons, who headed home an inviting Elis Mordecai cross which landed in a real danger area for the Union Rangers' defence.

Unfortunately, Penybont's hopes of claiming all three points were soon dealt a blow as Union Rangers regained the lead instantly through a corner. The momentum was now with the home side as they soon scored a fourth to secure a two goal advantage.

Though Penybont showed good spirit to set up a nervy final 10 minutes for Union Rangers as the home side's goalkeeper could not get a strong enough hand on a Matthew Symons shot to prevent the score from going to 4-3, the home side certainly didn't go into their shell to close out this game and finished the match in style by scoring a further two goals to seal a 6-3 victory.

Overall, the scoreline flattered Union Rangers as there was not a lot between the two sides in general.

TOM PROSSER

Injury-depleted Athletic battle bravely in loss

WITH eight backs on the injury list and three more dropping out on the morning of the game, it meant the Athletic visited Pontypool with a makeshift back division and only three substitutes.

This was not ideal facing a side second in the Championship and on a five match winning run and the only side to defeat leaders Merthyr this season.

Last season the Athletic became only the third side to prevent Pontypool scoring a point at their formidable fortress Pontypool Park in a 29-0 victory. This time with the odds stacked against them they went down to a 31-7 defeat.

The home side took the lead with an early penalty from Clayton Gllis. The Athletic responded with a driving line out which saw captain Sean Williams cross wide out. Scott Govan converted to give the Athletic a 7-3 lead.

Pontypool soon responded with a try from Ben Parry, converted, to open up a 10-3 advantage. The Athletic battled strongly for the remainder of the half with the back row of Sean Wiliams, Stuart Edbrooke and Ben Howe prominent, and strong scrimmaging from young prop Zach Evans preventing the heavier Pooler pack gaining ascendancy. The score remained at 10-7 for the remainder of the half.

As the game wore on and Pontypool were able to use a strong bench, the Athletic naturally tired and conceded two penalty tries.

One came stopping a driving maul illegally and the other from a five metre scrum both converted by Gullis.

It wasn't until the final minute they were able to break down a gallant Athletic defence and secure a bonus point try from Pat Lewis, converted by Gullis.

The Athletic fortunately have a fortnight before a local derby on November 7 at Newbridge Fields against Tata Steel in which some of their walking wounded back division will be able to return to the fray.

TONDU 2ND XV 12, BARFC 2ND XV 30

Bridgend Athletic second XV came away from Pandy Park with a three tries to two, 30-12, win over neighbours Tondu second XV.

It was a good all-round Athletic performance typified by the spirit shown by substitute Ashley Adams.

Adams came on for a 10 minute spell after a long time out following a knee operation. As well as scoring a try and making three turnovers in that spell he inspired the team with vocal support to score another two tries.

The other Athletic try scorers were centres Aaron Mordecai and Josh Seldon. Carey converted one try, while outside half Tom Cole weighed in with 13 points from two conversions and three penalties.

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Short trip for Bridgend Sports ends in a defeat

IT was a short trip across the Bailey bridge for the Sports under-10s as they faced their closest of neighbours, the Athletic; with the two clubs fielding sides at under-7s to under-12s level, it's good for the future of the game in Bridgend.

The games are always hotly contested and although the Sports were depleted through injuries and other commitments, they turned in a combative performance that did themselves great credit.

It was unfortunate that they paid the price for infringements and losing the ball when in possession.

They started the game well by winning the toss and set off on the attack immediately. Good defence from the Athletic soon secured them the ball from a penalty; they worked it wide to Tristan James in space who exploited the space to run in the first try.

Two similar tries followed in the first half for the Athletic. The Sports strung together a few attacks with Callum Lewis, Tom Chick, Joel Rogers and Cian John prominent, but the side lost the ball at key moments as the home team's defensive pressure showed.

In the second half the Athletic ratcheted up a further three tries out wide to extend their lead before Bridgend Sports dug in and showed great character to fight back with Callum Lewis, Joel Rogers, Cian and Iestyn John showing determined running.

From a flowing movement the Sports worked the ball across field then switched direction through Dylan Morgan, who set off on a diagonal run for the corner and power over for a try.

Bridgend Athletic hit back again with another try from the lightning quick Tristan James.

Despite the setback, Bridgend Sports were now up for the game and attacked through the middle next, as Ben King carried a number of the home team's players across the line.

He looked to have scored but failed to win the referee's support for the touchdown.

From the scrum, the Sports worked the ball across the line but were tackled on the line. Callum Lewis showed great awareness to pounce on the ball to take the second half score to 4-2.

Joel Rogers almost scored the next as he set off on a blistering run town the touchline; he looked to have secured the try only to learn it had been disallowed, as he was adjudged to have the faintest of touches on the touchline.

With the minutes ticking away the Sports tried hard but could not make any further inroads into the score and the Athletic ran out winners by seven tries to two.

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